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Controversial warehouse proposals given go-ahead

HUNDREDS of people stepped back in time in the sunshine on Banbury's waterways as they celebrated Canal Day on Sunday.

Full story and pictures see page 3.

By **Samantha McGregor**

A CONTROVERSIAL warehouse development in Bicester expected to create 1,000 jobs has been given the go-ahead.

Cherwell District Council approved the 675,000 sq ft business park on farmland off the A41 London Road, saying it would further boost the town's growing economy.

A new access road to the business park, which will include warehouses, offices and a lorry park, will be built off the A41.

Developer Warren Reid had originally wanted a 700,000 sq ft business park, but after negotiations with the council reduced the site by 25,000 sq ft.

In addition to the business park, there are also plans for a housing estate.

The business park plans were given the green light after work was undertaken to address concerns raised in an earlier application to ensure the development fitted with policy.

Mr Reid also reduced the height of the buildings from 18 metres to 15.5 metres and will increase planting to improve the appearance of the site.

Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "This site forms part of an area already set aside in the local plan for creating the jobs that will support Bicester's growing economy and housing stock.

"Cherwell's location makes it very popular with employers in the logistics sector, and the provisions in this development will bring further growth and sustainability to the town's economy.

"However, we have a responsibility to ensure that prosperity and liveability go hand in hand, meaning large employment sites should be constructed in a sensitive way that fits with planning policy.

"I am pleased that through our work with the applicant we have arrived at a proposal which has space for the landscaping needed to mitigate the visual appearance of the site to people living nearby or travelling past the development."

The original application attracted 24 letters of objection and a 200-signature petition opposing it. Concerns raised included those of increased traffic, pollution and noise and that it would be damaging to wildlife and the environment.

One person described the development as "ugly" and said

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Detectives trawl videos in hunt for girl's rapists

By **Dominic Thomas**

POLICE are trawling through a 'substantial quantity' of video footage as they continue the hunt for two men who abducted and raped a schoolgirl in Oxford.

Officers have gathered video footage from CCTV and dashcams from the day of the incident on Wednesday last week and taken information supplied by the public.

On Saturday, Thames Valley Police issued descriptions of the two men suspected of carrying out the assault, and on Monday announced they would be focusing patrols on the Marston Meadow area.

Supt Joe Kidman, the newly-appointed LPA Commander for Oxford, said: "I know the shock this rare incident has caused in our city and want to add my thanks for all the support provided by the public in coming forward with information.

"High-visibility patrols will continue in the area to offer ongoing support and reassurance. If anyone has any concerns, please speak to one of the Neighbourhood Policing team or please call the Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101."

Detectives believe the 14-year-old girl, who was wearing her uniform, was raped after she was snatched by two men in a silver hatchback car as she walked to school in the busy Banbury Road and Marston Ferry Road area.

The first offender is described as being a white man in his mid 20s, of medium build, with blue eyes and shaven dark blonde hair, which was balding. He is about 6ft tall and spoke with a northern accent.

The second man, also white, is said to be younger, in his late teens or early 20s, clean shaven with brown, gelled hair. He had brown eyes and was slightly smaller in build than the first offender.

The girl was abducted at about 8.25am and found by police officers at midday in Cavendish Drive, Marston, after she had knocked on doors of homes seeking help.

• Police stopped drivers and cyclists to ask if they saw anything

Jean Fooks, city councillor for Summertown, condemned the attack, saying: "It's appalling and I'm completely gobsmacked that such an awful thing could happen. I feel more than sadness, anger really, that we live in such a world, but it seems that we do. It just shows that we need to be aware that there are dangerous people about."

If you have any information about the incident call 101, quoting reference 1631(28/9).

Hall's move marks end of single-sex education

OXFORD'S St Benet's Hall has made history by accepting female undergraduates for the first time in its 119-year history.

Last weekend, nine female and nine male undergraduates arrived for the new academic year at St Benet's Hall in St Giles, marking the end to single-sex education at Oxford University.

The hall is run by the English Congregation for Benedictines who wish to study at Oxford and is also known as a Permanent Private Hall.

St Benet's Hall was Oxford's last single-sex college or hall after St Hilda's College admitted men in 2008.

St Benet's Hall was founded by Benedictine monks in 1897 so they could study for secular degrees in the University of Oxford but an expansion to a new building in Norham Gardens has allowed it to admit female students for the first time.

However, St Benet's still has to raise a few million pounds to buy the new site outright.

The move is another step forward by the Hall's first lay Master, Prof Werner Jeanrond, who was appointed in 2012 to make St Benet's a global centre for learning, teaching and research.

Female postgraduates were admitted under his leadership in 2014.

Prof Jeanrond said: "There have been Benedictine scholars in Oxford since the 13th century but for us to make a contemporary contribution to the Catholic intellectual presence in Oxford, we must move with the times."

• New students arrive at St Benet's Hall in Oxford

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Kitchen blaze

STEVENTON: Two fire crews were sent to extinguish a kitchen fire in Steventon, near Didcot, on Tuesday.

Thames Valley Fire Control Service received the call at 9.02am for the fire at the Fuller Way home and sent fire crews from Didcot and Abingdon fire stations.

The firefighters found items left on top on an electric hob had caught fire after it had accidentally been turned on.

The residents were safely evacuated after being alerted by a smoke alarm.

McDonald's attack

ABINGDON: Police are appealing for witnesses after a man suffered bruising after being assaulted in a McDonald's car park on September 10.

The 23-year-old victim and his girlfriend were parked up when two men pulled up alongside them in a car and knocked on his window at around 11am.

An altercation then took place after the victim got out of his car before it was broken up by a member of the public, who police say they are particularly interested in speaking to.

Balloonist honour

OXFORD: The Royal Aeronautical Society have celebrated an Oxford man who was the second person to achieve flight in England in a hot-air balloon with a plaque at Oxford Town Hall.

The commemoration of James Sadler's flight at Christ Church Meadow on October 4, 1784, also marked the society's 150th anniversary on Tuesday.

Sadler, a technician at the University's chemistry laboratory, is said to have risen to a height of 3,600ft in the balloon, coming down at Woodeaton.

• Sadler's biographer Mark Davies, left, and RAeS Oxford president David Rowland, right with Lord Mayor Mohammed Altaf-Khan (Picture by Oxford City Council)

Appeal on attack

OXFORD: Police are appealing for witnesses to a suspected incident of GBH after a 29-year-old man was assaulted in Cornmarket Street.

The victim was heading towards Ship Street when he was assaulted by a man walking in the opposite direction on Sunday, September 25, at 1.45am. He was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

A 31 year-old man from Durham has since been arrested on suspicion of GBH and was released on bail until November 6.

Call police on 101.

Town marks canal history

By **Samantha McGregor**

THE sun shone as Banbury's waterways came to life with boats and visitors to celebrate Canal Day.

Organised by Banbury Town Council, the annual event is staged to remember days gone by when the waterway was a busy transport link that brought wealth and prosperity to the town.

When it opened in 1778, coal and other goods from the industrial Midlands became readily available and Banbury thrived.

On Sunday, hundreds of children were given bubble blowers, while families toured the towpaths.

Popular with visitors was the Friends of Raymond display. The group was formed in October 1996 to recover, restore and exhibit Raymond, the last unpowered, wooden commercial narrowboat built in the UK.

As a coal-carrying barge, Raymond was towed by motor boat Nutfield, which was also on show.

Canal history was also in evidence at another major attraction on the day.

Tooley's, England's oldest surviving boatyard, demonstrated past and present boatbuilding and repair techniques.

The boatyard has the oldest working dry dock on the country's inland waterways network, having been in continuous use since 1790.

Taxi boats ferried visitors up and down the event site.

Mayor Gordon Ross, who arrived by boat to open the event, said it had been a "wonderful day".

He said: "Canal Day remembers an important part of Banbury's history.

"It's a day when there is lots to see and do for all the family and today our young visitors will have fun blowing bubbles.

"There is so much going on it will be difficult to see everything."

Also taking place alongside Canal Day was a five-hour folk concert at General Foods Social Club's garden, which pulled in the crowds.

A craft fair in Chamberlaine Court car park sold artisan gifts, there was music, dance and drama at Sovereign Wharf and Compton Road car park was the place to be for hot and cold food and drink.

At Banbury Museum, people were able to dress in traditional boating costumes and children entered colouring competitions.

Spiceball Park hosted a funfair and market stalls included food and drink sellers, while horse-and-cart rides, trampolines, go-karts, and falconry proved popular attractions.

• *Visitors had fun enjoying Banbury's water heritage at town Canal Day*

Concern aired over business park plan

• *From front page*

it was "in the wrong place, too close to houses and schools and will spoil the skyline for generations to come".

The report said residents had also questioned the number of jobs that would be created – suggesting it had been overestimated by 75 per cent.

Others have said it was the wrong location for this type of development, which would be better suited to just off the motorway or at nearby Graven Hill, a Ministry of Defence storage and distribution centre.

Langford Village Community Association, which represents 4,500 residents living next to the site, opposed the plans.

Bicester Town Council and Ambrosden and Blackthorn parish council also objected to the plans.

'Significant objections' were also received from the occupants of Wretchwick Farm Cottages next to the site.

Another version of the application was not determined by the planning committee and is subject to an ongoing appeal.

Separately, the applicant submitted a revised application, but it failed to meet the requirements of the local plan and was recommended for refusal at a planning committee in September. But the applicant withdrew it in order to make further amendments, resulting in the proposal which has been approved.

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Baton-twirl glory

BANBURY: Young gymnasts from Banbury are becoming a force to be reckoned with in the world of baton twirling

Banbury Cross Twirlers, aged four to 18, scored a clean sweep in team events at a regional tournament in Lutterworth, Leicestershire, last month.

Twirling is a combination of dance and gymnastics and requires skill, fitness and timing. The triumph followed national and regional successes earlier this year.

Village vote

N OXON: The date has been set for a referendum over Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan. It will take place on Thursday, November 3.

Expansion OK

BANBURY: Plans to create more classrooms and an outdoor amphitheatre at Tudor Hall School have been approved. The new buildings will contain 12 classrooms spread over two floors, and a glazed link to an existing block.

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Halloween ball

OXFORD: Only a few places remain for a Masquerade Halloween Ball being held on October 29 at the Oxford Belfry.

The Ball is being held in support of Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Spectrum UK, a little-known debilitating condition.

The Ball includes a three course dinner, entertainment by soul singer Everis, a DJ and a charity auction.

Reservations for the ball can be made by calling 078078 831349 or emailing info@nmo-ukresearchfoundation.co.uk .

Wild about star

KINGHAM: The Wild Rabbit Pub in Kingham, near Chipping Norton, has made it into the 2017 Michelin Guide.

Speaking about the first star, the pub's executive chef Tim Allen said it was a "massive achievement" for the Church Street pub to win the award.

Emails hacked

KIDLINGTON: Five directors at IT sales company Quadsys have been sentenced for hiring an employee to hack into rival company ITBus's emails by supplying them with passwords, to undercut them.

The men were given suspended sentences, fines and community orders following a police investigation.

Hudspeth: A34 is 'not fit for purpose'

By **Adam Flinn**

URGENT safety changes to the A34 are being called for after claims that the road is "not fit for purpose".

It comes following the second meeting of the A34 Action Group, held at Chilton Village Hall, near Didcot, on Monday night.

The aim of the group is to put pressure on transport chiefs so safety changes are made to the road, in the wake of the horrific eight-vehicle crash just over the border in Berkshire in August in which a mother and three children were killed.

And speaking after the meeting, Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth said that short-term improvements to the road were needed as well as a long-term plan.

He said: "What we're going to try and do is distil it down to what can be done in the short-term and get some quick fixes that might assist in preventing these awful tragedies.

"We're providing some additional funding for additional slips at junctions and getting them up to the standard that's required.

"But we've also got to have a long-term vision because the road is not fit for purpose in taking over 100,000 vehicles a day.

"Also things like the lorry park we're proposing, if we've got that, do we need laybys? If we could remove the laybys, perhaps we could put some lanes in there as a hard shoulder when there is a knock."

Newbury MP Richard Benyon also spoke during the meeting about the work he and Wantage MP Ed Vaizey and Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood were doing in parliament.

They are looking to secure a debate on the A34 with the aim of getting a commitment from Government for safety changes.

Speakers from Thames Valley Police and the Roads Haulage Association talked about how safety could be improved through infrastructure and by improving driving standards.

Some of these ideas included speed cameras on certain parts of the road, and building a crawler lane for slower moving vehicles such as lorries and farm traffic.

Alisdair Cunningham, one of the founders of the action group, said: "In terms of the next steps we need to understand if Highways England are at a point where they want to discuss positive short-term changes and what they are going to be, and what place does the public forum have in that."

Highways England has previously said safety was its "top priority" and it is "commissioning a range of research projects to further improve road safety".

• Ian Hudspeth

• The eight-vehicle crash in August that killed a woman and three children

Student veggies stir up debate

STUDENTS at Oxford University are launching their own 'Norrington Table', based on the quality of their vegetarian food, amidst claims that its provision for vegetarians is below-par.

The initiative is being organised by the Oxford University Animal Ethics Society to rank colleges to determine the best ones for vegetarian meals.

Vegetarian and vegan members of the University are being invited to vote on its online poll to rank its colleges in a format similar to the college ranking system known as the Norrington Table.

President of the Society, Tobias Thornes of Oriel College, said "Many members of the Society have expressed concern about the varying provision of vegetarian and vegan food. We want to put the need for good quality vegetarian food on the agenda in Oxford."

Voting is open to members of the university via the website www.veggienorringtontable.com during this term.

College bursars will be invited to supply sample menus and indicate whether they have chefs trained in vegetarian and vegan food.

The Society's Senior Member, the Revd Professor Andrew Linzey, said: "Oxford is known as a place of excellence, but its vegetarian fare is often barely adequate."

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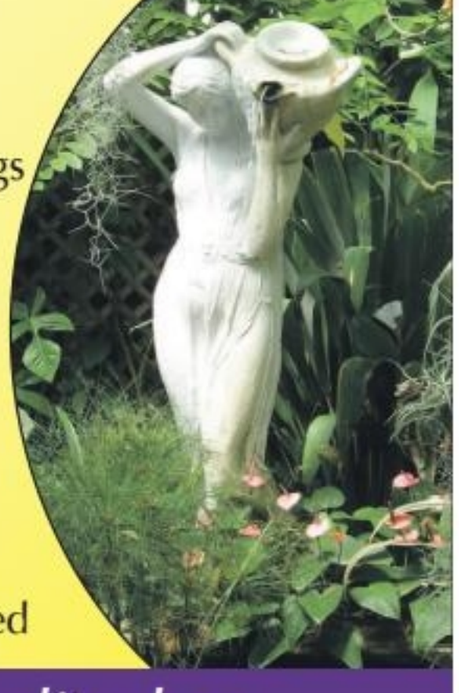

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Officers praised for work to catch £1.3m drug gang

By **George Welch**

POLICE officers have been praised after they helped shut down a prolific drug gang involving a man from Didcot.

Thames Valley Police chief constable Francis Habgood hailed officers at a commendations ceremony on Thursday last week for helping to seize a £1.3m stash of class A and B drugs.

The commendations relate to an operation dating back to January 2015, during which officers began investigating Neil Wadley, 48, of Pound Lane, Didcot, and Arthur De Sousa, 49, from Reading.

Both Wadley and De Sousa were known to have a history of criminality in the Thames Valley area, and were known to be the leaders of organised crime groups.

During the investigation and arrests, police seized more than 9kg of cocaine, 1kg of MDMA powder, 5,000 MDMA ecstasy tablets, 4kg of amphetamine powder, 3kg of methoxetamine and 18kg of cannabis resin.

He fled the country to Spain and

• Neil Wadley

on March 11 last year, after co-operation with Spanish police, Wadley was arrested and flown back to the UK to face charges.

On the same day, another phase of arrests of those involved with this investigation was simultaneously carried out.

Following the conviction of 13 defendants, the group was sentenced to a total of 99 years' imprisonment, with Wadley receiving a 17-year prison sentence.

Among the police officers recognised were Det Insp Rachel Wheatman, of the serious organised crime unit, and Kirsty Allman of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Speaking after the ceremony, Ch Con Habgood said: "It always gives me great pleasure to present these commendations.

"They rightfully recognise and praise the dedication, courage and professionalism of those who go beyond their call of duty in often extremely difficult situations."

Wadley smirked as he said 'thank you' to the judge after being given his 17-year sentence in January.

His organisation was found to have used encrypted phones, specified equipment and modified cars in order to peddle the product to Newbury, Reading, Bristol and Somerset.

• Det Insp Rachel Wheatman, above, and right, Kirsty Allman receiving their awards from Chief Constable Habgood

News Bites

Lucky escape

STANDLAKE: A woman whose car was packed with belongings as she moved house had a lucky escape veering into a ditch on the A415 on Saturday.

Fire and rescue crews found her trapped inside the wreckage of the overturned car, among belongings which had been thrown around by the impact.

They used hydraulic equipment to remove the items and get the woman out. She suffered only minor injuries.

Chimney fire

STANDLAKE: Firefighters were called to a chimney fire at a thatched cottage in Standlake.

Fire crews from Witney and Bampton contained the blaze at the cottage in High Street at 10.20pm on Saturday.

No-one was injured but an eight foot chimney breast which supported the weight of the stone work above had to be removed.

Xmas card sale

WANTAGE: The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) Wantage branch has announced the date of their annual charity Christmas card sale.

The card sale will start on November 7 and will run until November 19 (excluding Sunday) in the Squires Room at the Vale and Downland Museum in Wantage.

The sale of cards will take place from 10am to 4pm daily.

The HART of good care

A NEW service that aims to deliver high quality care in Oxfordshire patients' own homes or places of residence has been launched.

The new Home Assessment Reablement Team (HART), launched on Saturday, will allow people to leave hospital once their medical needs are stable or to remain at home after a minor accident or illness, rather than being admitted to hospital.

HART is a countywide service that provides a short period of care and support to patients – especially elderly patients – as they regain their independence and confidence in the skills they need to live at home safely.

HART, which was jointly commissioned by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, will be run by Oxford University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (OUH).

It incorporates and replaces OUH's Supported Hospital Discharge Service (SHDS) and the Oxfordshire Reablement Service, which was run by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Paul Brennan, OUH's director of clinical services, said: "The beauty of HART is that it will be run as a single responsive service, with a single multidisciplinary team, a simple referral process and a single pathway.

"We've reassured patients that the care they receive and their reablement goals will remain the same under this new service."

HART will offer 'reablement' support to both people considered medically fit enough to be discharged from hospital, and those referred in the community, for example, by general practitioners or community hospitals.

Mr Brennan added: "This service is part of our strategy of delivering care to patients in the most appropriate environment for them, working closely with other services, to make sure people are being referred."

Referrals can be made to the HART service by e-mailing orh-tr.hart@nhs.net or by phoning (01865) 572917. More information is available at http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/hart.

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News Bites

Attacker jailed

OXFORD: An Oxford man has been sentenced to four years in jail for a sexual assault on a woman in the city.

At Oxford Crown Court on Wednesday last week, Michael White, 31, of Peat Moors, was sent to jail for four years and placed on the Sex Offenders' Register indefinitely.

He had pleaded guilty at the same hearing to one count of sexual assault on a 22-year-old woman.

She was walking along Headington Hill at about 5am on April 13 when White approached her.

White then dragged the victim into a wooded area and sexually assaulted her.

The victim managed to fight off White before running from the scene.

White was arrested and subsequently charged with the offence three days later.

• Michael White, 31

Bishop faces protest at city inauguration

THE new Bishop of Oxford was confronted by protesters on Friday as he was formally enthroned at the city's Christ Church Cathedral.

They were protesting about alleged abuse within the Church of England at the inauguration of the Rt Rev Dr Steven Croft last week.

Formerly Bishop of Sheffield, Bishop Steven, who took over the role in July, was greeted at Christ Church by two protesters for survivors of abuse within the church.

Bishop Steven is under investigation for ignoring disclosures of abuse while the Bishop of Sheffield.

One of the protesters and victims of the alleged abuse, known as Michael, alleges that Bishop Steven ignored his disclosure on three occasions.

West Yorkshire Police is carrying out an investigation into the allegations.

Michael said: "We just don't think this is right, he shouldn't be being enthroned while this is going on. You wouldn't appoint a headteacher that had a safeguarding complaint against him."

By **Dominic Thomas**

The second protester, known as Joe, said: "I thought it was good that he came and met me. I felt that he could have stayed for the minute's silence but I think people could see that he was visibly uncomfortable.

"I think he clearly knows that he is in a difficult situation and he needs to dig his way out."

In response, the Bishop has stated: "I accept that Michael does not feel he received the appropriate support and action in 2013. I regret this and I am committed to exploring what happened further with him and the National Safeguarding Team."

A statement from the Dean of Christ Church said: "We take safeguarding very seriously. We fully recognise the importance of listening to survivors of sexual abuse."

Bishop Steven became the Bishop of the Oxford Diocese, which covers the Thames Valley area, and is one of the largest seats in the Church of England with 815 parishes.

He was inaugurated at the cathedral after a procession through the city centre, led by clergy from the University of Oxford and city dignitaries, including Lord Mayor Mohammed Altaf-Khan.

• The new Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Dr Steven Croft

Talking of his appointment, Bishop Steven said: "I am very humbled to be made Bishop of Oxford, and I'm sure that the experience will be stretching and will require all the love and prayers of those who support me. I hope it will be the beginning of a great period of my life and of the diocese."

He said his three initial priorities in the role were to engage with young people, ensure the wealth in the area was spread equally and to "ensure that all Christians in the diocese are able to live a full Christian life".

More than 700 guests, including faith leaders and the Lord Lieutenants of the three counties, attended the ceremony.

Fare-dodging barrister is sacked from profession for £19,000 scam

A BARRISTER who dodged up to £19,000 worth of rail fares from Oxfordshire to London has been sacked from his profession.

Oxford graduate Dr Peter Barnett was convicted in September 2015 of six offences of fraud when he evaded paying rail fares in and out of Marylebone Station between April 1, 2012 and November 24, 2014.

Dr Barnett commuted 40 miles into London from Haddenham and Thame Parkway every day, but he did not purchase the appropriate ticket, which costs £19.80 each way.

Instead, he would touch out at Marylebone with his Oyster card, costing him £7.60.

Dr Barnett was officially disbarred by the Bar Standards Board on Monday last week, following charges brought by the Bar regulator.

A board spokesman said: "Dishonest conduct is incompatible with membership of the Bar. The tribunal's decision to disbar Dr Barnett reflects this."

Dr Barnett has never held a practising certificate as a barrister in England and Wales but was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 2007.

News Bites

Charity gigs

OXFORD: Music promoter Gets Louder picked Oxfordshire rock bands ds Kanadia, Sleepers' Dome, Slate Hearts and Wolfs to raise funds for Crisis UK through Musicians Against Homelessness.

They performed a gig at The Wheatsheaf, off High Street, on Friday night last week.

Musicians Against Homelessness is a non-profit organisation set up by Oasis manager Alan McGee.

Bishop visits

OXON: The Bishop of Dorchester joined pupils and staff at LVS Oxford, a school for children with autism at Begbroke, for their Harvest Festival.

The Rt Rev Colin Fletcher said he was "impressed" with how the school was making a difference to children with autism.

HIV research

OXFORD: A new study by Oxford University has found that 1 in 10 children with HIV can become resistant to the infection, providing a potential pathway for new treatments.

While more than 50 per cent of children born with HIV die by age two, 5 to 10 per cent are resistant to the progression of HIV and can live normal lives without realising they have it.

Lights switched on as work nears end

By **George Welch**

WORK on two major roundabouts on the A40 in north Oxford is nearing completion after the traffic lights on Cutteslowe roundabout were switched on last week.

The lights at the nearby Wolvercote roundabout went live a couple of weeks ago.

The work on the two roundabouts will mean both junctions become traffic light-controlled, with approaches widened and new pedestrian and cycle crossings.

Transport bosses said the scheme would improve traffic flows and help meet the demand from developments, such as the Northern Gateway business park at Wolvercote.

The new lights will be monitored as traffic flows return to normal levels, drivers get used to the new layouts and the arrangements bed in.

But the council says it might take time for the benefits of the computer-controlled traffic lights, extra lanes and other measures to take effect.

Last week's switch-on marked the completion of most of the work that people travelling through the area will notice – only minor work needs to be done over the next few weeks.

The work, which started in July 2015, is estimated to cost between £9m and £10m.

County councillor David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport, said: "After a great deal of hard work, we are now at the stage where motorists, cyclists and pedestrians can consider work is finished.

"I would like to thank all those who have experienced inconvenience during the work including residents and drivers."

He added: "Hopefully now all will start to see the benefits of the work we've done as the digging and construction becomes a distant memory.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the team who delivered this scheme. It was a massive challenge to do all this work in such a constrained area while all the major routes were open to normal traffic.

"People will obviously notice a difference once all the cones go and the lights are up and running.

• County councillors David Nimmo Smith and Jean Fooks prepare for the traffic lights switch on

"These improvements will provide a substantial increase in capacity that had it not been completed now would have limited Oxford's long-term investment. It will bring improvements for now and for the future."

Nigel Tipple, chief executive of the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OXLEP), which helped unlock central government funding for the project, said: "We are delighted to see the works completed ahead of schedule and on budget."

1,000 torch relay to run through Oxfordshire

OXFORDSHIRE runners are being urged to take part in a nationwide relay run this month as part of a nationwide Run4Peace 2016 run.

The torch relay will pass through Oxfordshire and cover 1,000km in just 10 days between October 21 and October 31 to help raise funds to establish a school for peace in northern Kenya.

In a 30-second video featuring Kenyan running legend Wilson Kipsang, record-breaking ultra runners Adam Holland and Rob Young are urging people to join them for next month's nationwide Run4Peace 2016.

Each day will see 10 10km stretches completed.

The first two 10km stretches in Oxfordshire on October 29 will go from Abingdon to Hinksey Park, before heading to Ferry Leisure Centre in Summertown via a detour through Port Meadow and Burgess Field.

October 30 will feature five 10km stretches involving the county, setting off from the Iffley Road running track in Oxford and finishing in Henley, going via Nuneham Courtenay, Benson and Nuffield.

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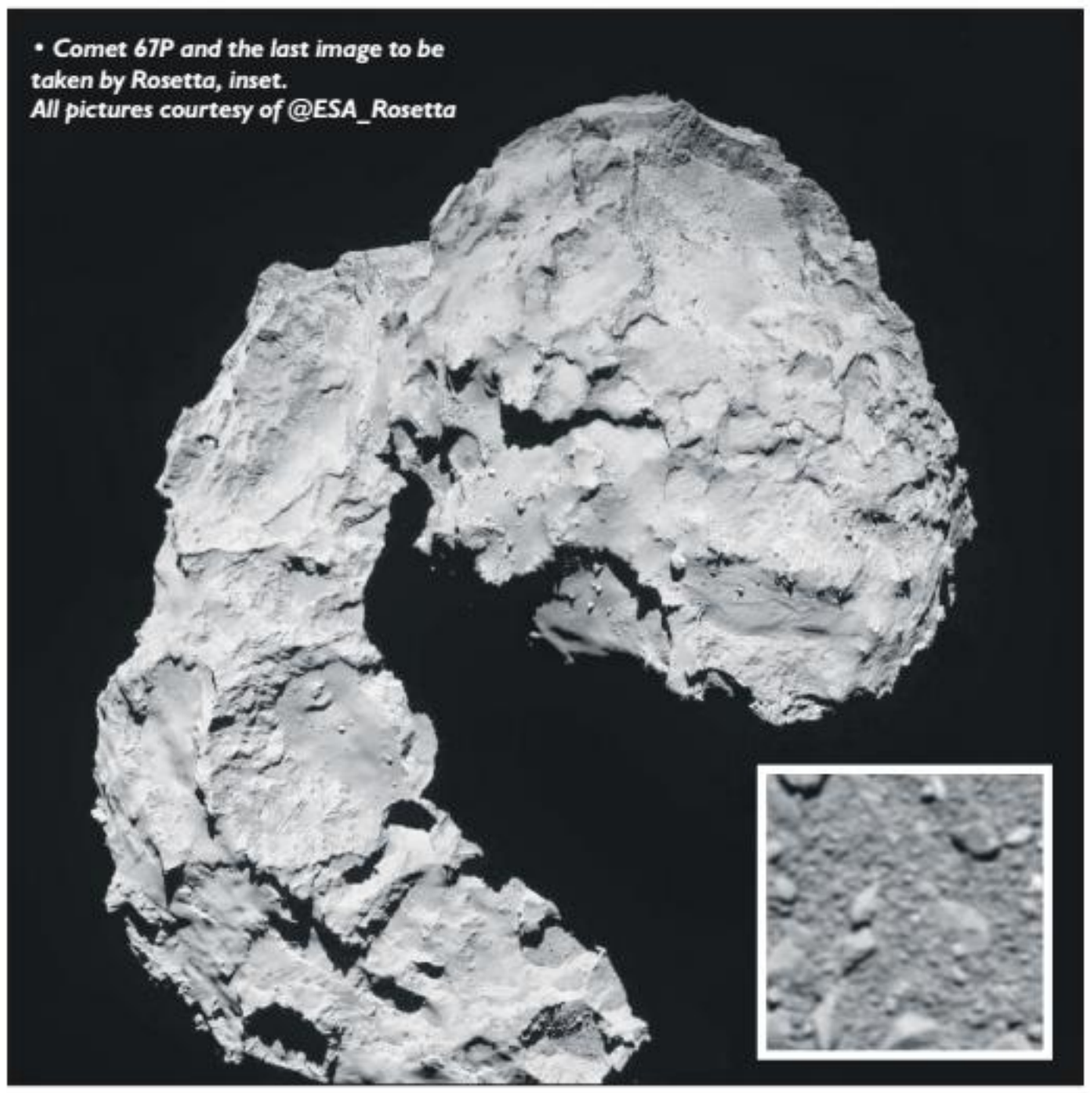
Rosetta spacecraft crash-lands on comet to end £1bn mission



• Comet 67P and the last image to be taken by Rosetta, inset.
All pictures courtesy of @ESA_Rosetta

By **George Welch**

EUROPE'S Rosetta probe has ended its mission to Comet 67P by crash-landing on to the icy surface of the celestial object.

Controllers at the European Space Agency (ESA), which is based on Harwell Science Campus near Didcot, burst into applause when the crunch ending to the £1 billion mission was confirmed at 12.20pm UK time on Friday.

Mission control in Darmstadt, Germany, was able to confirm the impact had occurred when radio contact with the ageing spacecraft was lost abruptly.

The probe was deliberately crashed on the assumption that it would have been damaged beyond use. Rosetta had arrived at 67P in August 2014 following a 10-year-long journey from Earth.

In the time it has lived alongside the mountainous object, it has studied its behaviour, structure and chemistry.

Rosetta dropped a small robot called Philae on to the surface in November 2014 to gather additional information – marking a historic first in the field of space exploration.

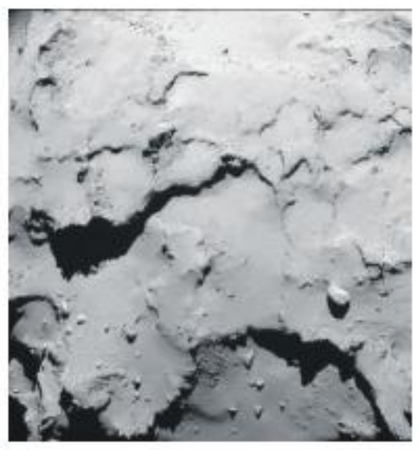
The European Space Agency said the mission has been an outstanding success and would transform its understanding of the huge icy dirt-balls that circled planets.

Angus Horner, director at Harwell Campus, said: "Today [Friday] is the culmination of a historic mission, marking the end of 12 years of data collection that will provide us with new insights into physics and astrology.

"We are privileged to have such a direct connection to Rosetta here at Harwell Campus, and it is a real badge of honour that so many of those who carried out this mission are based here."

In the hours before the planned collision, Rosetta sent back a host of high-resolution pictures and other measurements of the icy dirt-ball.

It took about 116,000 images during its 12-year mission to track the comet.



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Views sought on plans to tackle parking issues

By **Samantha McGregor**

RESIDENTS and businesses in Bicester are being urged to have their say over proposals to introduce 'no waiting' restrictions in problem areas across the town.

Oxfordshire County Council hopes the plans will tackle long-running parking issues in residential streets.

The council wants to implement 'no waiting' restrictions in dozens of hot-spots, including Bernwood Road, the junctions of Woodfield Road, Brashfield Road and Taylor Close with Blake Road, the Bucknell Road/Field Street junction to Stoneburge Crescent, Granville Way, Hunt Close, Kings Avenue, Mallards Way, Sheep Street and Woodfield Road.

Commuters have caused problems for residents in Woodfield and Brashfield roads for years because of their proximity to Bicester North Station. People working at Talisman Business Centre have also been parking along both sides of Mallards Way because there are not enough car spaces at the business park.

A county council report said: "A consultation has been launched into proposals to tackle parking problems on a number of residential roads in Bicester.

"Concerns have been raised relating to parking problems caused by non-residents on roads in Bicester.

"In response, the county council is proposing the introduction of localised 'no waiting' restrictions to prevent obstruction and ensure the way remains clear for larger vehicles."

A range of measures are due to be put in place to target the problems in the different areas. These include double-yellow lines, no waiting from 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday, as well as no waiting for an hour, Monday to Friday, in a bid to prevent town-centre workers parking in residential roads.

The council's cabinet member for transport, David Nimmo Smith, said: "I would like to urge people to see what is being proposed and have their say now.

"I am glad the county council is looking at measures which could help solve a longstanding problem for Bicester residents and it will be good to hear direct from them before making a decision."

People have until October 21 to have their say.

Any objections are due to be taken to cabinet member decisions on November 24. If the proposals are approved, the changes are expected to be implemented within this financial year.

For more information, go to oxfordshire.gov.uk

News Bites

Lucky escape

CHIPPING NORTON: A driver had a lucky escape when their car crashed into The Greedy Goose pub on the A44 between Chipping Norton and Moreton-in-Marsh.

The impact of the crash caused the displacement of the external wall into the kitchen, but the driver walked away with just bruising and no-one else was injured in the incident at 8.40pm on Friday.

Fire station manager Dave Bray, who attended the incident, said: "The driver had a very lucky escape, managing to avoid serious injury having driven into a substantial stone-built building."

Bookings open

N OXON: Lines are open to book a place on Cherwell District Council's half-term break activity hub.

The holiday programme is open to children aged five to 15 and is held at North Oxfordshire Academy in Banbury and Cooper School in Bicester during the week beginning Monday 24 October.

Activities lined up include painting, trampolining and archery.

Short day sessions, from 8.45am until 3pm, cost £14.95, while full days, from 8.45am to 5pm cost £18.95. For more information, call 01295 221803.

Man's body found

BANBURY: The body of a man has been found after a police search of woods in the Tadmarton area.

Police said they did not believe there were any suspicious circumstances surrounding the man's death and a file was being prepared for the coroner.

Formal identification has not taken place but the body is believed to be that of Adam Standing, 38, who went missing last Sunday evening.

His next of kin have been informed.

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• *The family's cakes have raised £350 for a cancer charity*

A FAMILY has raised £350 to date for a cancer charity by baking and selling all manner of cakes.

Sisters Karen Jaques, Donna Allison and Kizzy Godin got together with their mum Carol McFarlane and friends to whisk up and bake the banquet of cakes.

From red velvet, mini-cheese burger and hotdog cakes to cupcakes, fruit and sponge cakes, dozens of varieties were on offer at a coffee morning to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The charity is close to the family members' hearts as it cared for family and friends.

The coffee morning was held at Fkny hair salon, in the Causeway, Bicester.

Karen said they wanted to help "a very good cause".

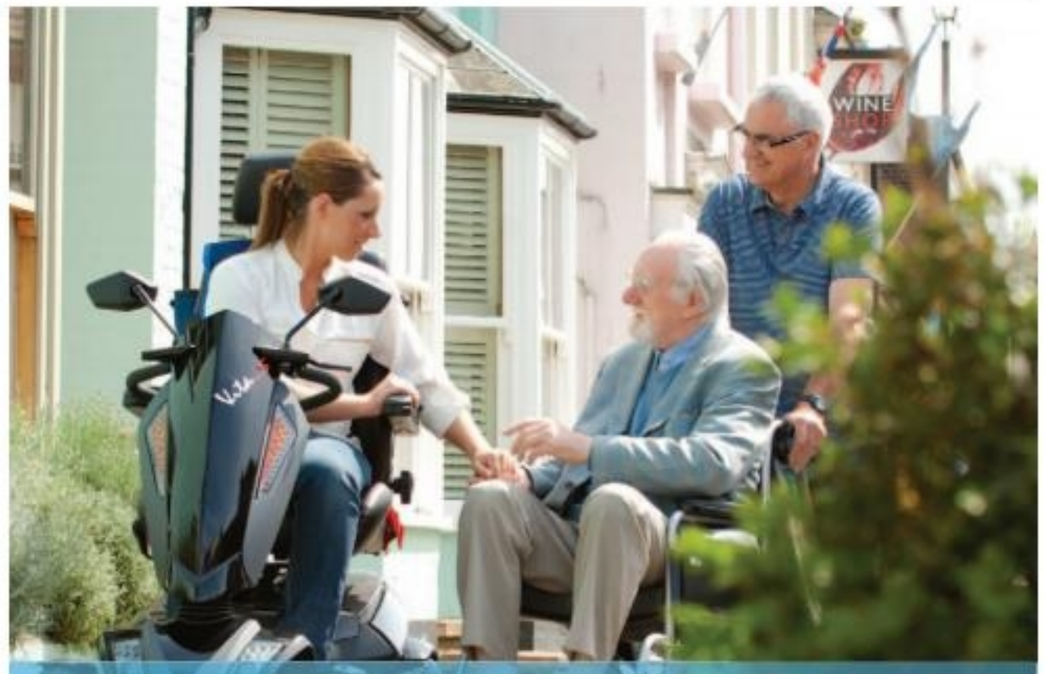
She said: "We've raised £350 so far, with leftover cake and tombola items still being sold. We have been amazed at the generosity of people. It was a really enjoyable and successful day."

Kizzy said: "Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our Macmillan coffee morning.

"It was a great success, everyone dug deep and reduced me to tears when we counted up the donations."

Local firm British Bakels, of Granville Way, Bicester, also donated cakes to the sale.

The women are planning a second coffee morning to raise money for a dementia charity.



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University's medical and health training named the world's best

MEDICAL and health teaching and research at Oxford University has been ranked as the world's best for the sixth year running in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

The news follows Oxford University being named as the best university in the world by the same publication last month.

And the discipline-specific tables, released last Thursday, confirmed the university's status as the best in the world for medical and health teaching, meaning the university has won the accolade every year since 2011.

Professor Alastair Buchan, dean of medicine and head of the medical sciences division at Oxford University, said: "We are delighted to have come first in clinical, preclinical and health subjects for the sixth year running."

The university said a key to the division's success was its close partnership with the NHS in Oxfordshire.

Harvard University was ranked as the second best and Oxford's Oxbridge rival, Cambridge University, rounded off the top three.

Sarah's pedal power boosts Skye charity

A MOTHER-of-two has raised more than £700 for Blue Skye Thinking with a London-to-Brighton bike ride.

Sarah Brockbank-Gash, 46, undertook the challenge after meeting charity founder Sally Hall, whose son Skye died in 2014 as a result of side-effects of his treatment for a brain tumour at the age of five.

By **Dominic Thomas**

The two mums had children at the same nursery.

Sally set up the charity and is running the Aim Skye High appeal in memory of Skye and hopes to raise £50,000 to fund a research position into child brain cancers at the Northern Institute of Cancer Research.

• *Sarah Brockbank-Gash at the finish line*

Sarah, who completed the ride on September 11, said: "My daughter Coco was at Long Furlong nursery school in Abingdon with Skye, so I obviously got to know Sally, Skye and her other son, Jesse, over time.

"I was devastated to hear through a friend that Skye had been diagnosed with a Medulloblastoma not long after the children left nursery, and it was so heart-breaking when we heard that he sadly passed away the following year.

"Having children myself, Skye's death affected me greatly, as I just couldn't imagine how one could cope with losing a child like Andrew and Sally had to.

"I love cycling and thought that doing the London-to-Brighton would be a wonderful opportunity to raise money for their charity."

She said although it was difficult, she enjoyed the challenge after finishing the course in just under five hours.

"It was an extremely tranquil ride, going through London so early in the morning.

"I absolutely loved zooming down many hills on the way but the big one, Ditchling Hill, was the most difficult thing I have ever done!"

Sarah has so far raised £715 for the appeal, which encourages people to come up with fundraising ideas that are a little crazy, a touch unconventional, original and creative.

Sally said: "We are grateful to Sarah for supporting our appeal.

"The ride was 54 miles and as Sarah said the very steep Ditchling Hill towards the end, would have challenged both the mind and the muscles, so very much in line with the ethos of 'Aim Skye High'.

To support Sarah, visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-brockbank-gash

To support the appeal, visit http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/blueskyethinking/aim-skyehigh, or text UPUP52 £3 to 70070

If you are planning your own 'Skye High' fundraising event, email: aimskyehigh@blueskythinking.org and the charity will send you a fundraising pack.

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Road closures

OXFORD: Drivers will experience road disruption ahead of work on the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme.

The £2.2m scheme aims to reduce the flooding risk to the homes in the Northway and Marston area, where flash flooding and sewage have caused persistent problems.

In preparation for work, which will include building culverts underneath roads, the Environment Agency needs to temporarily close roads.

• Old Abingdon Road is to close from October 24 for up to six weeks for an archaeological investigation, while Kennington Road, near the junction with Old Abingdon Road, will have a traffic light system in place for approximately two days from October 17 to allow the Environment Agency to identify the location of buried service pipelines.

Loneliness play

OXON: An Oxford theatre production company will mark National Older People's Week by staging its inaugural play about loneliness and isolation.

Human Story Theatre launched "Flat 73" on Tuesday night at the Oxford Fire Station.

It visits Banbury this evening, Eynsham Village tomorrow, Witney on Saturday and Barton estate, Oxford, on Sunday.

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Fire above pub

OXFORD: A tumble dryer sparked a kitchen fire above a Headington pub last week.

Firefighters from Slade Park quashed the fire coming in a first floor kitchen above The Royal Standard pub in London Road after being called at 7.40pm on September 27.

No one was in the property at the time.

Delay warning

OXON: MP for Wantage and Didcot Ed Vaizey has voiced his concerns over the recently announced delay to the Oxfordshire Healthcare Transformation Consultation.

It was due to start in October and has been pushed back to the end of December or beginning of January.

The Oxfordshire Transformation Board said it was to ensure proposals for change were tested rigorously. Mr Vaizey said he is concerned by 'the knock-on effects' of the delay.

'Worst view' call

OXON: A search to find the UK's worst view is inviting homeowners in Oxfordshire to get involved.

Blind retailer DirectBlinds.co.uk is urging people to upload photos to directblinds.co.uk before October 27. The 'winner' will get a set of blinds.

Scientist beats the tide in charity trek

By **Dominic Thomas**

AN OXFORD research scientist has conquered a gruelling 100km non-stop trek to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK.

Francesca Nicholls, 31, who works at Oxford's Drug Discovery Institute, battled the elements and was the first woman over the line in the 30-hour endurance challenge Race the Tide this month.

The trek along St Cuthbert's Way in Northumbria starts in Melrose in the Scottish borders and goes to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne off the Northumbria coast.

The dozens of challengers had 30 hours to complete the 100km route before the finish point on the island would be cut off by the tide.

Francesca finished the trek in 27 hours 40 minutes and raised £1,500 for pioneering dementia research, which is linked to her research at the Oxford Drug Discovery Institute.

She is part of a team which uses skin and hair cells from Alzheimer's sufferers in the hope of using them as stem cells to test new treatments.

She said: "I love working at the Drug Discovery Institute and seeing the charity's funding being put to work.

"They've hired some fantastic people and it's a really exciting atmosphere where everyone is pulling together to apply the best research techniques to this problem.

"I'm passionate about finding effective treatments for people with dementia, but since working here I've become acutely aware of how much funding is needed, and the fact the money Alzheimer's Research UK puts in comes from donations."

Of the challenge, in which she walked through the night to complete the course in time, she said: "I expected the challenge to be difficult, but it was a lot tougher than any of us had anticipated.

"I had thought walking through the night would be the worst part, but it was the last few kilometres that were the hardest, as the further we walked the more we struggled with the pain and blisters."

Jade Rolph of Alzheimer's Research UK said: "We couldn't be more grateful to Francesca for taking on this immense challenge.

• Francesca Nicholls

"With 850,000 people currently living with dementia in the UK, including more than 8,000 people in Oxfordshire alone, the need for research to defeat the condition has never been more urgent.

"Scientists like Francesca are leading the way in the search for new treatments, but we rely on the public to help fund this work. It's thanks to our wonderful supporters that we're able to continue our pioneering research."

To add to Francesca's fundraising total, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/FrancescaJNicholls

Tools on hand to quit smoking during Stoptober

PEOPLE across Oxfordshire are being encouraged to quit smoking as part of Stoptober, a government led 28-day quitting challenge.

The Public Health England initiative which launched on Saturday claims if you stop smoking for 28 days you are five times more likely to quit for good.

Oxfordshire County Council's public health department is encouraging smokers to pledge to quit. Cabinet member for public health, Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, said: "Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death in the UK and contributes to around 100,000 deaths each year.

"We're supporting Stoptober because it's vital we encourage Oxfordshire residents to make healthy choices."

Smokefreelife Oxfordshire, a stop smoking service commissioned by the council, will be on hand to help smokers quit.

Oxford City Council have teamed up with the Smoking Cessation Team to run support sessions in Barton, Blackbird Leys and Rose Hill this month.

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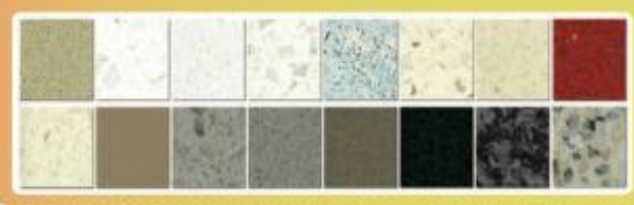

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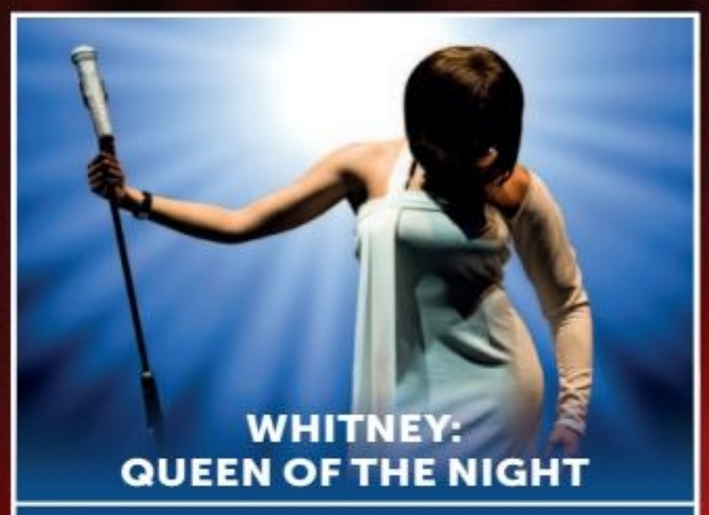

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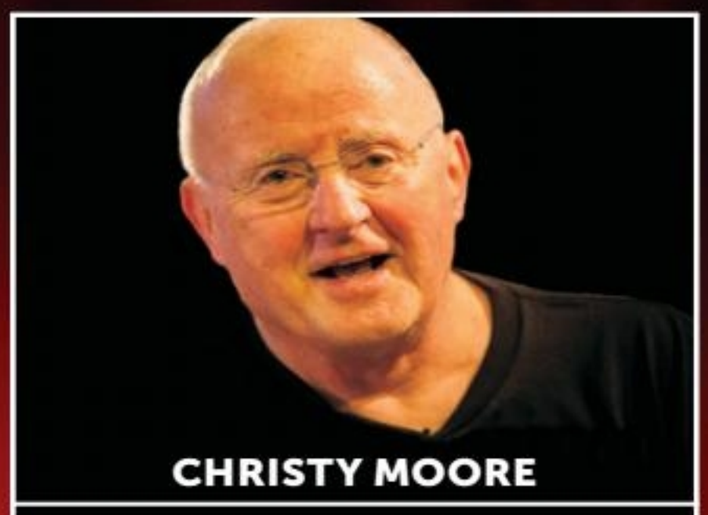

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Hospice founder is honoured for his contribution

By **Samantha McGregor**

THE founder of a hospice that has played a vital role in many people's lives across North Oxfordshire has been honoured for his work.

Neil Gadsby founded Katharine House Hospice at Adderbury, near Banbury, in memory of his daughter Katharine, who died aged 20 from cancer in 1984.

He was chairman until February and is now the hospice's president.

Last week, Mr Gadsby, 80, was recognised for his work by Banbury Town Council.

Town mayor Gordon Ross presented him with an ornamental scroll as a tribute to his 25 years of service to the charity.

Mr Ross said: "Katharine House is a remarkable place and this tribute is much deserved.

"It is this council's way of saying thank you on behalf of townspeople and all those whose lives have been touched by the hospice."

In 2011, Mr Gadsby was awarded an MBE for services to the hospice, which marked its 25th anniversary in February.

Council leader Kieron Mallon said the "presentation recognises that the contribution of his vision to the people of Banbury is immeasurable".

Town councillor Steve Kilsby said: "The Katharine House Hospice has been the salvation of many families in Banbury and the surrounding area.

"This tribute to Mr Gadsby is supported by all councillors."

After his daughter's death, Mr Gadsby and a group of friends set out to build a hospice that would care for people with life-limiting illnesses, and after a massive fundraising campaign, Katharine House opened in 1991.

Mr Gadsby is still very much involved with Katharine House, and is hoping to raise £3,000 from the sale of his new book Voices, a collection of stories by local people about what the hospice means to them.

He said: "I accept this certificate on behalf of everyone who has helped the hospice in the last 25 years.

"We are grateful to all those who have assisted and continue to assist the hospice and we look forward to the future."

The award comes as Katharine House launches a new look and a new strategy for the future.

Mr Gadsby said: "The new look reflects what it's like when you walk through the doors of Katharine House. It's friendly and approachable. The new strategy will serve the hospice well as it begins the next 25 years."

• *Town mayor Gordon Ross, right presents an ornamental scroll to Katharine House hospice founder Neil Gadsby*

News Bites

French market

THAME: The town will host a French market for three days from Thursday, October 20, to Saturday, October 22.

Classic French food including bread, patisserie, cheese, onions, garlic and olives will be on sale, alongside leather handbags and muisical entertainment.

Centre approved

N OXON: Plans to create a heritage centre at a former Cold War US Air Force base have been approved.

Dorchester Group, which owns the site at Upper Heyford, is to convert Building 103, a red-brick building dating from the 1920s and one of the base's earliest buildings, into the centre. It had been used to repair narrowboats.

Plans have also been approved to convert building 315, one of the first open-end air hangers created on the site during the inter-war period, into a storage and distribution centre.

Rally school move

BICESTER: A rally school in Stratton Audley has been given permanent planning permission for the use of quad bikes, buggies and jeeps.

An earlier application by Christopher Wigmore, of Pool Farm, was deferred so Cherwell District Council could undertake an investigation into noise and dust.

The council concluded noise and dust at the site could be reduced by limiting the number of vehicles being raced at a time.

Electric network boosted

BICESTER residents are set to benefit from a £24m investment in the town's electricity network.

Operator Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks is in the final stage of plans to install 18km of underground cable and a new electricity sub-station.

The work is due to start next spring and will expand and improve the network that serves homes and businesses in Bicester, Upper Heyford, Cottisford, Arncott, Headington, Yarnton, and Witney.

It comes as Bicester is expected to have 10,000 new homes built between now and 2031.

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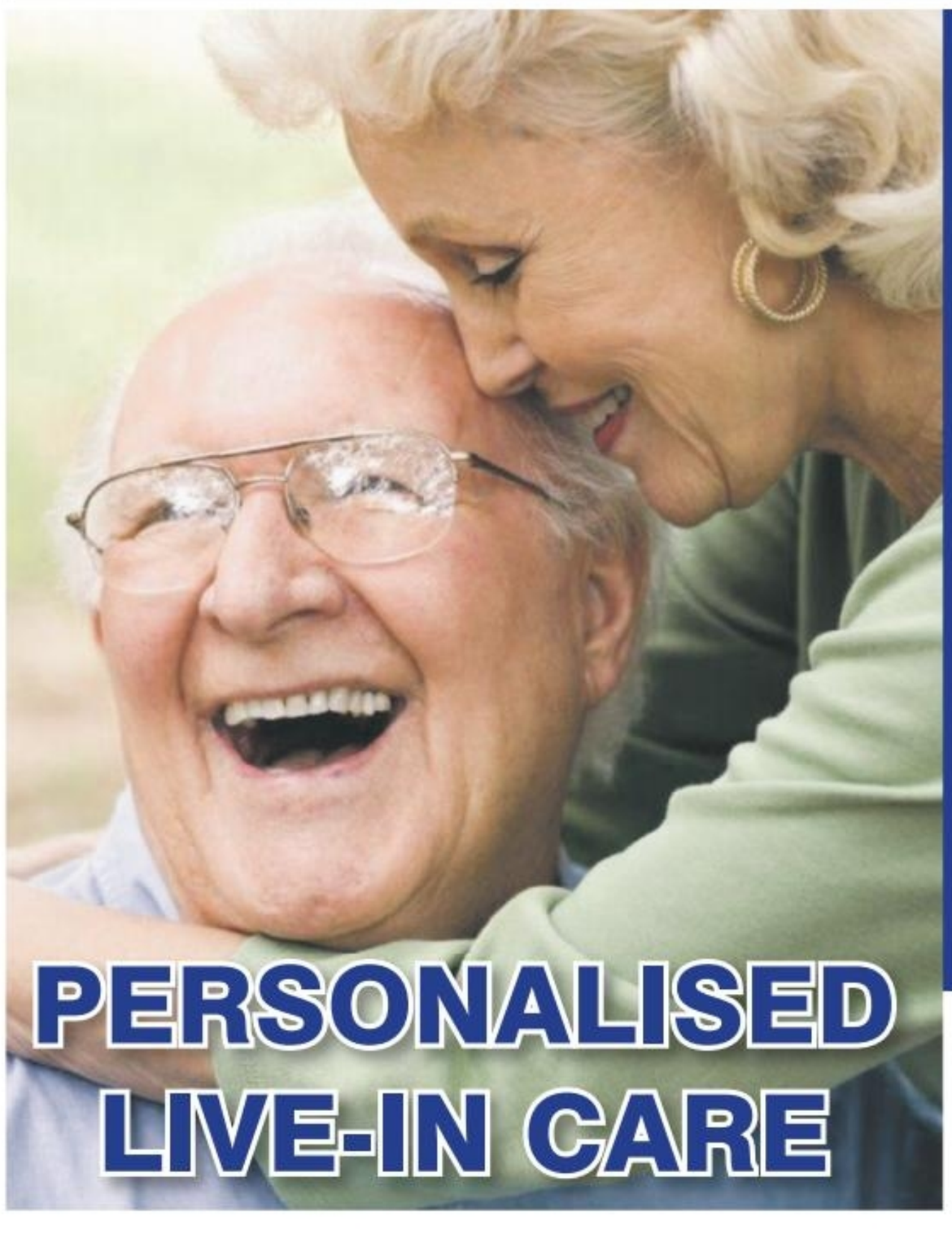

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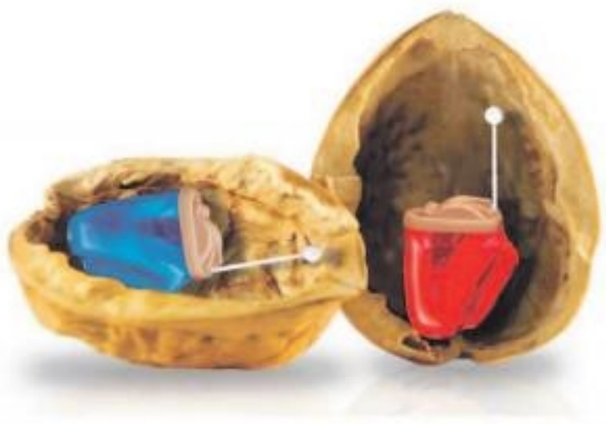

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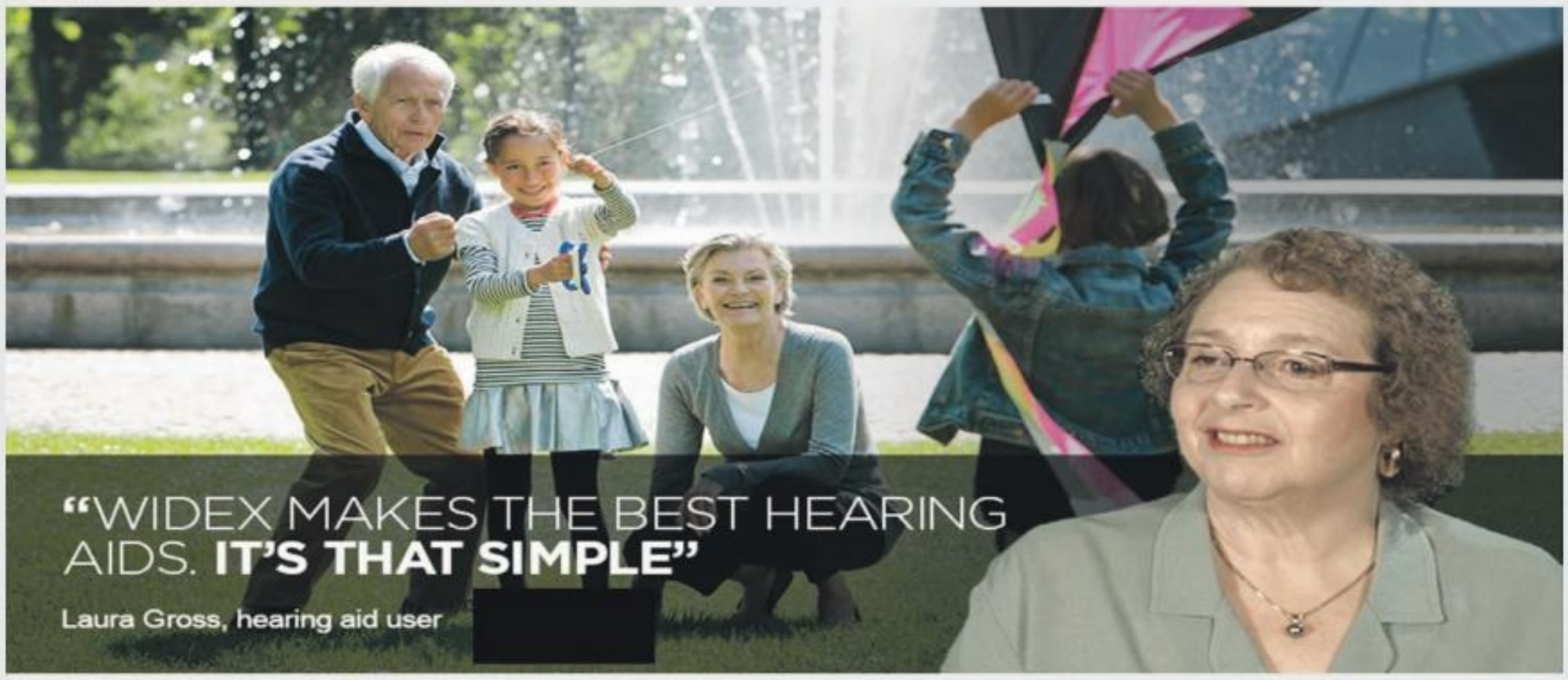

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Quick Clues Across

1 Alleviation of misery (11)
9 Malt beverage (3)
10 Broadcaster (9)
11 Insert in a register (5)
13 Part of flax (7)
14 Violate (6)
16 Sacredly obscure (6)
18 Cause pain (7)
19 Kingdom (5)
20 Decorations (9)
21 Can (3)
22 Place for study (7,4)

Quick Clues Down

2 Be in debt (3)
3 Wrap for the shoulders (5)
4 Solitary (6)
5 Absence without excuse (7)
6 Musical ensemble (9)
7 Curse (11)
8 Difficulty (11)
12 Respectful awe (9)
15 Tapped (7)
17 Long narrow flag (6)
19 Part of step (5)
21 Cardinal number (3)

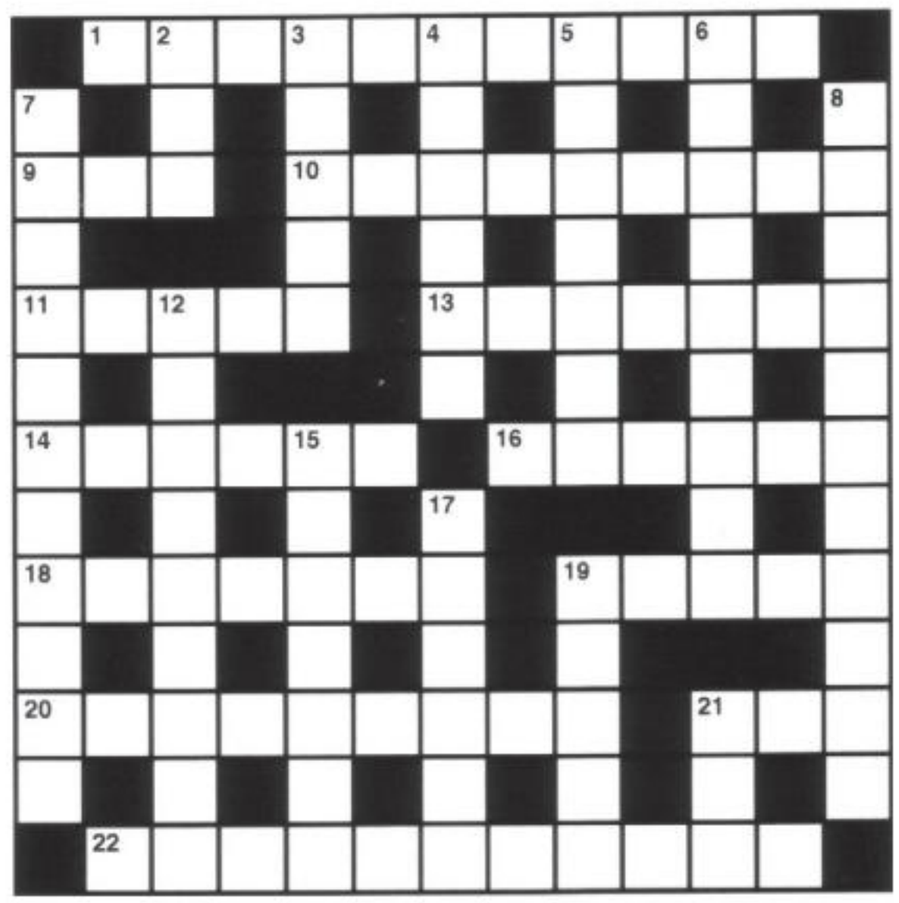
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Police chiefs can be real snakes (11)
9 One hopes it will be broken at parties (3)
10 Strike four and come out fighting (9)
11 Conceals the skins (5)
13 Separately, as below (7)
14 Sin-free learner (6)
16 Describe being in charge of the department (6)
18 Walter's turning out good-for-nothing (7)
19 An aid to screen appearance (5)
20 How the baker gets a rise (9)
21 There's nothing in us to produce sadness (3)
22 And I note it's out of the way to the journey's end (11)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Was in debt we hear to poetry (3)
3 Chooses one's tools (5)
4 Drink to the graduates on the dance floor (6)
5 Period certain to be a wash-out (7)
6 Wet roof-edge became less so in the laundry (4,5)
7 Where a financial drop pleases the superstitious? (7,4)
8 Hidden sky sign for office workers (11)
12 Plunder, having saved up for a start (9)
15 Right to alter (7)
17 Confused oil ban in ancient England (6)
19 Nothing left (5)
21 How to make another question (3)



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6				7	5			2
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This week's solutions

5	8	9	1	3	6	7	2	4
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7	2	5	8	6	3	4	9	1
8	4	6	5	2	7	1	3	9
1	3	9	6	4	1	8	7	5

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Consolation 9 Ale 10 Announcer 11 Enrol 13 Linseed 14 Invade 16 Mystic 18 Torture 19 Realm 20 Ornaments 21 Tin 22 Reading room

Down: 2 Owe 3 Shawl 4 Lonely 5 Truancy 6 Orchestra 7 Malediction 7 Predicament 12 Reverence 15 Drummed 17 Pennon 19 Riser 21 Two

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Copperheads 9 Ice 10 Combative 11 Hides 13 Asunder 14 Novice 16 Depict 18 Wastrel 19 Radar 20 Leavening 21 Woe 22 Destination

Down: 2 Ode 3 Picks 4 Rumbas 5 Erasure 6 Dnip-dried 7 Wishing well 8 Secretaries 12 Devastate 15 Correct 17 Albion 19 Right 21 Who

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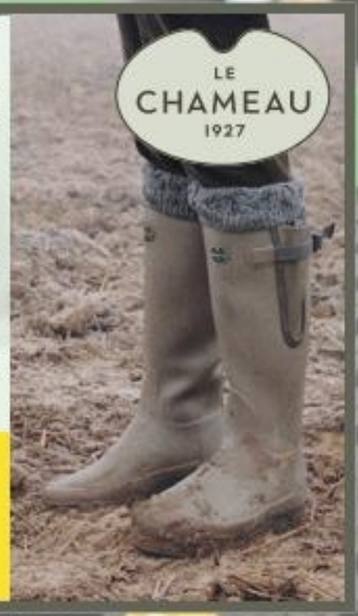

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BBC1

Strictly Come Dancing, 6.45pm

DAYTIME

11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **12.30 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News** (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out** (S)(R) **3.20 FILM Shrek the Third (2007) (U)** (S) **4.45 Can't Touch This** (S) **5.35 BBC News** (S) **5.45 News** (S) **5.55 Pointless Celebrities** (S) **6.45 Strictly Come Dancing** (S)

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8.50 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion Families answer questions to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion. (S)

9

9.40 Casualty Glen's health takes a turn for the worse. (S)

10

10.30 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.50 FILM Iron Man 3 (2013) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, with Robert Downey Jr and Gwyneth Paltrow. (S)

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AFTER 12

12.50 The NFL Show (S) **1.20** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.25** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Flog It!, 3pm

6.30 FILM They Flew Alone (1942) (U) (S) **8.10 FILM Evening (2007) (12)** (S) **10.00 Miniature Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Lost Land of the Jaguar** (S)(R) **12.00 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food** (S)(R) **12.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **2.00 Nature's Weirdest Events** (S)(R) **3.00 Flog It!** (S) **4.00 The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg** (S)(R) **5.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.00 Inside the Commons** (S)(R)

7.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice With guests Rebecca James, Cherish Finden and Chris Addison. (S)(R)
7.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

8.00 A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley New series. The historian examines Britain's enduring fascination with murder. (S)

9.00 Artsnight: Michael Palin Meets Jan Morris The Python speaks to fellow travel writer Morris in her 90th year. (S)
9.30 Boy George's 1970s: Save Me from Suburbia (S)

10.35 FILM Cabaret (1972) (15) Oscar-winning musical, with Liza Minnelli and Michael York. (S)

12.30 FILM Marnie (1964) (15) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Sean Connery and Tippi Hedren. (S) **2.35** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Jonathan Ross Show, 10.30pm

8.10 Scrambled!: Looped (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo!** (S) **9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time** (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.30 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **1.30 The Chase** (S)(R) **2.30 The X Factor** (S)(R) **4.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **4.15 ITV News** (S) **4.30 World Cup Qualifier Live** (S)

7.15 ITV News; Weather (S)
7.30 You've Been Framed! Gold Featuring a seemingly possessed toddler. (S)(R)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents the first studio round. (S)

10.00 Newzoids Satirical puppet sketch show. Last in the series. (S)
10.30 The Jonathan Ross Show (S)

11.30 World Cup Qualifier Highlights Jacqui Oatley introduces action from England v Malta at Wembley Stadium. (S)

12.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, 9pm

7.05 Triathlon: Vitoria-Gasteiz (S) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.30 Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms** (S) **12.30 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights** (S) **2.00 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meets Tom and Danielle Raffield, who have decided to put their talent for steam-bending wood to use. (S)(R)

8.00 Walking Through Time Dr Tori Herridge explores the Jurassic Coast of Devon and Dorset. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts as Jessica Hynes and guest captain David Walliams take on Jon Richardson and Rhod Gilbert. (S)

10.00 FILM The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. (S)

12.00 FILM Good Morning, Vietnam (1987) (15) Comedy drama, starring Robin Williams. (S) **2.10** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.10** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

NCIS: New Orleans, 8.35pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 10.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) **11.00 FIA Formula E: Season Preview** (S) **12.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.55 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **3.55 5 News Weekend** (S) **4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **6.00 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.05 NCIS** (S)(R) **6.55 The NCIS Movie: Enemies Exposed** (S)(R)

7.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meets Tom and Danielle Raffield, who have decided to put their talent for steam-bending wood to use. (S)(R)

8.35 NCIS: New Orleans Pride and Mayor Hamilton are kidnapped during Mardi Gras festivities. (S

9.30 NCIS: New Orleans The team searches for a soldier believed to be a prisoner of war in Afghanistan. (S)

10.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)

11.30 Caught on Camera CCTV footage of a raid on a west London jewellery shop. (S)(R)
11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip. (S)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 The Hotel Inspector (S)(R) **4.00** The Hotel Inspector (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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6.00 Emmerdale **8.35** Coronation Street **11.00** The X Factor **12.30** The Xtra Factor Live **1.30** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **2.15** FILM: Kangaroo Jack (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **3.15** FYI Daily **3.20** FILM: Kangaroo Jack (2003) (PG) **4.00** FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) **5.50** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) **7.55** FILM: The Mask (1994) (PG) Comic-book comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **8.55** FYI Daily **9.00** FILM: The Mask (1994) (PG) Concluded. **10.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.15** FILM: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) (15) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** FILM: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) (15) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.10 Doctor at Large **7.00** Where the Heart Is **9.10** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **10.15** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG) **11.15** FYI Daily **11.20** FILM: Carry On Again Doctor (1969) (PG) **12.05** FILM: Columbo: Short Fuse (1972) (PG) **1.40** Inspector Morse **4.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.00** You're Only Young Twice **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Lost Kingdoms of South America **8.00** Scotland's Vital Spark: The Clyde Puffer **9.00** Beck: The Last Day **10.30** It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC **11.30** Totally British: 70s Rock 'n' Roll **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.05** It's Only Rock 'n' Roll: Rock 'n' Roll at the BBC **3.05** The Good Old Days **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **9.15** FILM: Postman Pat: The Movie (2014) (U) **11.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **11.05** How I Met Your Mother **12.05** Baby Daddy **1.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Contraband (2012) (15) Crime thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg. **11.10** Gogglebox **1.15** Rude Tube **3.15** Gogglebox **4.05** Rude(ish) Tube **4.25** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** My Floating Home **10.55** Come Dine with Me **1.30** Four in a Bed **4.10** Come Dine with Me **6.55** 1066: The Lost Battlefield – A Time Team Special **8.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **9.00** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **10.00** Queen Victoria and the Crippled Kaiser – Secret History **11.10** Queen Victoria's Last Love **12.15** 24 Hours in A&E **1.20** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **2.20** 1066: The Lost Battlefield – A Time Team Special **3.25** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Man in the Saddle (1951) (U) **1.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) (U) **2.50** The Train (1964) (15) Second World War adventure, starring Burt Lancaster. **5.25** Vice Versa (1988) (PG) Fantasy comedy, starring Judge Reinhold and Fred Savage. **7.20** Vehicle 19 (2013) (12) Action thriller, starring Paul Walker. **9.00** Pitch Perfect (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick. **11.10** The Final Destination (2009) (15) Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo. **12.45** Lesson of Evil (2012) (18) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Sin City Motors **7.50** Top Gear **8.50** American Pickers **10.50** Deadliest Pests Down Under **11.50** Top Gear **12.50** Storage Hunters UK **1.50** FILM: Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (1991) (PG) **4.30** Stephen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets **7.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **8.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Red Dwarf **10.40** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **11.40** Russell Howard's Good News **12.20** Room 101 **1.00** Would I Lie to You? **2.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.05** Red Dwarf **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Last Detective **4.00** Pie in the Sky **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **1.00** An Adventure in Space and Time **2.40** The Paradise **3.35** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Monkey Life **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Football's Funniest Moments **12.00** The F1 Show **12.30** Futurama **3.00** Modern Family **5.30** The Bachelor King **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Mount Pleasant **10.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Football's Funniest Moments **1.00** The Last Ship **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** UK Border Force **5.00** Raising Hope

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6.00 Storm City **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** Without a Trace **11.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.30** Last Week Tonigl with John Oliver **12.05** The Sopranos **2.15** Without a Trace **3.15** Cold Case **4.10** Storm City **5.05** Networks Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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6.10 Doctor Who **7.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.25** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** Luther **11.30** Traffic Cops **12.30** Derren Brown: The System **1.30** Grimm **3.00** Home Shopping

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7.20 I Dream of Jeannie **7.40** Blandings **9.00** Lovejoy **1.35** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Bottom **11.00** Bridge & Eamon **12.10** Inside No 9 **12.50** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **1.30** Bellamy's People **2.05** The Thick of It **2.40** jam **3.05** Early Doors **3.40** Rex the Runt **4.00** Close

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Dorchester Living's aim for Heyford Park is to create a quintessential village environment that combines rural views with the facilities of a town.

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RICS call for the Government to reverse stamp-duty surcharge

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and Managing Director of Martin and Co Oxford

THE Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) forecasts that more than 1.8m households will be looking to rent across the country by 2025. Between 2001 and 2014 ,the number of UK households renting rose from 2.3m to 5.4m households.

Oxford is widely recognised as the least affordable place in the UK, with house prices at the lower end of the market being 10 times average earnings of the city's residents, and overall prices being over 15 times the average salary, according to an Oxford University Study in 2015.

Not surprisingly, that means demand for rented properties in Oxford is amongst the highest in the country with over 28% of households renting in the private rented sector, compared to just over 17% nationally. That equates to some 16,000 households.

RICS recognises that as a result of the increasing demand for rental properties, it is vital that the Government changes its focus from supporting and encouraging house ownership, to encouraging a greater supply of private rental properties. It specifically supports my own call for more property to be built specifically for purchase by landlords increasing the supply of available rental properties.

RICS also agrees with views I have expressed over recent months, that the new Prime Minister should reverse the stamp duty surcharge imposed on landlords, pointing to the fact that 86% of landlords' state they have no plans to expand their portfolio of properties since the surcharge was introduced.

In Oxford, this is more pressing than just about anywhere else in the UK. House prices have risen steeply over the last 10 years and continue to offer average annual increases of 5.8% according to the latest LendInvest index. This is reducing the rental yield that landlords can achieve on many properties to less than 5% per annum. When coupled with the additional stamp duty burden (an apartment costing £390,000 has a stamp duty charge of £21,200 for a buy-to-let landlord), this can result in negative investment returns for the initial 2- to 3-year period of ownership. Where the landlord is additionally borrowing to purchase the property, with recent HMRC legislation removing the ability for debt interest to be offset, for many landlords the risk of investment is now too great.

Through its continued focus on home ownership and a mistaken belief that penalising landlords would free up more property for home ownership, the Government has failed to recognise that the affordability gap between property prices and average earnings means that they will simply reduce the supply of affordable homes for households who wish to rent, exacerbating the already critical under-supply of homes.

Ultimately more homes need to be built and built quickly at numbers not previously achieved. However, in Oxford particularly, many new homes should target purchase by private landlords, increasing the supply of modern affordable rental properties. In Oxford, the fastest growth in terms of housing supply has been purpose-built apartments, where close to 15,000 households now reside. Expansion of purpose-built apartments is critical if Oxford is to keep growing and offering great homes to its vibrant and young population.

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New app set to help landlords

IT'S sometimes hard to remember a world before the Internet – a fact exacerbated with the ubiquity of smartphones.

Consequently, the days when mobile connectivity was limited to entertainment and fun are over and whilst Pokémon Go and Candy Crush still account for significant smartphone use, many apps are now focused on making lives and business more efficient.

But what does this mean for the property market? Take Rightmove. Established in 2000, it's now one of the UKs top 10 busiest websites and its app is within the top 150 of a market place that is larger than perhaps anyone can measure. We know that 90% of property transactions start online and at Andrews 60% of our online interactions originate from mobile devices – that's up from 3% just five years ago.

Andews' website, re-launched earlier this year, is optimised to make it as impactful on a phone or tablet as it is on a laptop or desktop computer. When it was relaunched, Andrews added a mobile app to its digital offering and has just unveiled the latest update of that which is aimed directly at the lettings market.

Landlords don't always receive the best press and whilst this is sometimes justified, we know by working with many thousands of them that they're mostly pretty decent people. They come in very different shapes and sizes. What unites them, though, is the fact that time isn't plentiful.

That is where the My Andrews app steps in. Available on both iOS and Android, it provides landlords with the ability to view each property which they let via My Andrews. It includes details of the agent responsible for each let; access to all tenancy and rental income information; and the ability to keep up to date with new applicants when re-letting a property.

My Andrews means that landlords have everything they need to manage their rental portfolio quite literally in the palm of their hand.

Rate drop boosts buy-to-let sector

SIGNIFICANT reductions in mortgage rates have made the buy-to-let sector more attractive than ever to investors.

New statistics from Moneyfacts.co.uk show an average five-year fixed rate mortgage for a 75 per cent loan-to-value deal has dropped to 3.96 per cent, the first time it has fallen below four per cent.

It means the rate on this type of mortgage - popular with many buy-to-let investors - is now 0.49 per cent lower than it was six months ago.

Allison Thompson, managing director at property specialist Leaders, says: "The cost of borrowing for investors has fallen considerably in recent months, meaning many landlords will be able to enjoy a much greater return from their property portfolio. With lower mortgage costs and the trend for longer tenancies, buy-to-let remains not only the best-performing investment type in the UK, but also a secure long-term option.

"Of course, there are other costs to consider when investing in property, such as agent fees, stamp duty and ongoing maintenance, but mortgage repayments will be the primary expense for many investors, so such sizeable reductions in rates is extremely good news."

The research found buy-to-let mortgages with all loan-to-value ratios have reached their lowest point in history in the last month. An average five-year fixed rate of just 3.48 per cent is available to those with a loan-to-value of 60 per cent, down from 3.61 per cent in August and 3.73 per cent in March.

Allison adds: "Current mortgage rates have created a golden opportunity for investors looking to enter the buy-to-let market and benefit from a return that far exceeds those delivered by other investment options such as stocks and shares.

"However, it is still important to seek expert advice on what to buy, where to buy and the likely rental return of a property. This will help investors to do all the sums required in advance to work out exactly what they stand to gain by buying to let."

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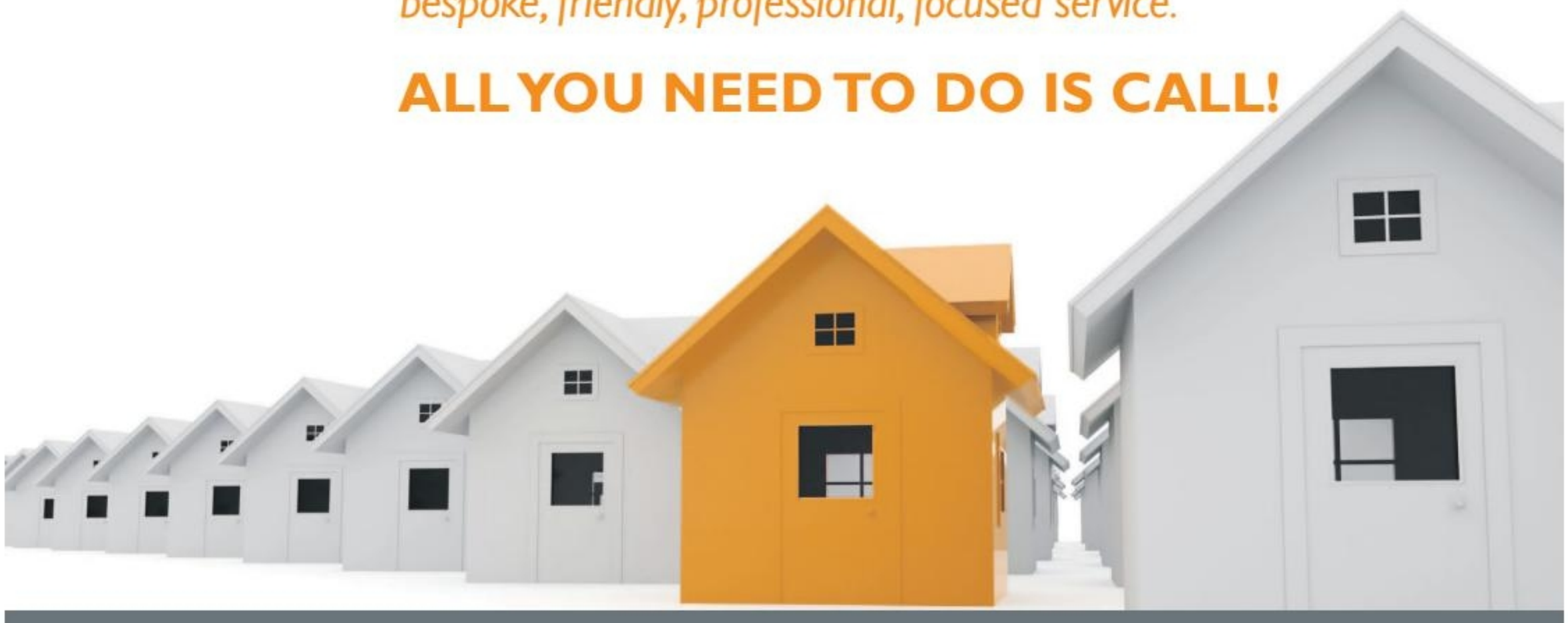

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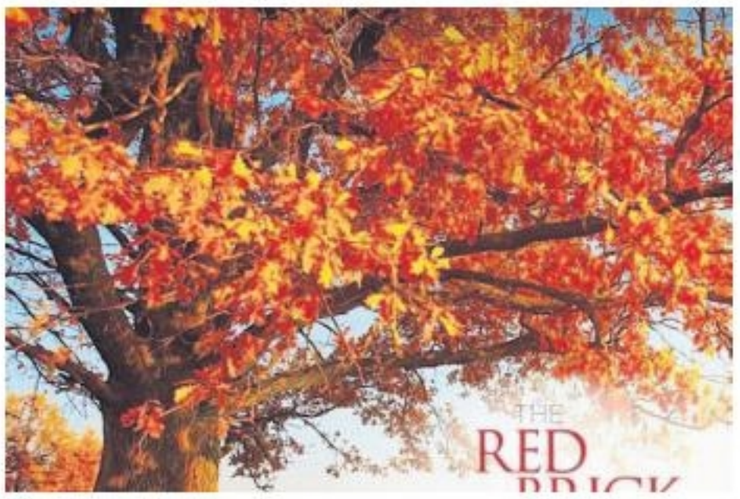

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Middleton Cheney £565,000

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Middleton Cheney £425,000

*EPC B
*Four Bedroom
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*Village Location

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*Four Bedrooms
*Mid Terraced
*Off Street Parking
*Rear Garden
*Village Location

Banbury £189,995

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Beech Drive — £195,000

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Usher Drive — £250,000

EPC Rating: C
Three good size bedrooms
Integral garage
Off road parking
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Usher Drive — £279,950

EPC Rating: C
NO CHAIN
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Lapsley Drive — £279,950

EPC Rating: C
Three Double bedrooms
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Sage Close — £305,000

EPC Rating: C
Three bedrooms
Garage
Separate reception room

Malthouse Cottages, Byfield Road — £325,000

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CARTERTON

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SOLD ON 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

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WITNEY

Abingdon Road £400,000

MARKETED IN 6 WEEK CHALLANGE

A THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOME. Located in the very sought after popular location of Standlake. This very well presented property boasts 3 bedroom, spacious kitchen, a car port for 2 cars.

Stonesfield £315,000

Connells are delighted to offer this fantastic three bedroom family home in Stonesfield. This property boasts off road parking, a rear garden and garage. NO ONWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D.

Wenrisc Drive £365,000

A Three bedroom family home located in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell. This very well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. A fantastic opportunity to purchase this very well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached family home in the very sought after location of Minster Lovell.

Witney £375,000

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ATTENTION TO PROPERTY DEVELOPERS! Unique opportunity to purchase this extended link detached house on a corner plot close to Witney town centre. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the size of this extended property and the scope for further improvement and development.

Witney £325,000

A fantastic three bedroom cottage, located within a short walking distance from the Witney town centre. This family home has both character and modern features throughout. EPC Rating E.

Minster Lovell £325,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLANGE

Two bedroom bungalow in the popular village of Minster Lovell.

Madley Park, Witney £325,000

A very well presented three bedroom semi-detached home. Located on the sought after development of Madley Park, this well presented property boasts a private rear garden, garage and parking. EPC Rating B.

Standlake OIEO £490,000

This attractive home offers four bedrooms, a kitchen/diner, lounge and two bathrooms. Outside there is a spectacular rear garden which backs on the river Windrush. The property is located in the popular village Standlake, which is situated approximately 5 miles from the market town of Witney. EPC Rating D

High Street O.I.E £180,000

NO CHAIN A ground floor flat in Witney town centre, this is one of only nine purpose built apartments set back off the high street. The property offers an open plan kitchen/lounge, bedroom and a shower room. Outside the property is a rear communal garden area and off street parking for one car

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OXFORD

Kennington £385,000

A sizeable family 3 bedroom house with 2 reception rooms plus an extended fitted kitchen with a down stairs cloakroom. Good sized garden with a converted garage and log cabin at the rear. A generously portioned house in good order throughout located in a sought after village.

East Oxford £410,000

Charming Victorian terrace in a sought after location. The property has undergone refurbishment, offering a well presented internal finish and great access to local amenities. Ideal for investment or a great home in an excellent location.

Kennington £450,000

A beautiful cottage set in a peaceful location within the village of Sandford On Thames. It boasts two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor with lounge, separate dining room plus newly fitted kitchen to the ground floor. Character features throughout.

Littlemore £275,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

An extremely well presented 2 bedroom end of terraced house which has been extended. The property offers 2 bedrooms, newly installed bathroom, newly fitted kitchen with defined dining space, lounge, garage and parking.

Greater Leys £310,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Well presented property newly installed bathroom suite to the 1st floor with cloakroom, good sized lounge and lovely newly fitted kitchen/dining room to the ground floor. Enclosed garden with driveway & garage. No onward chain sale.

Botley £342,500

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

The property has a single story rear extension, offering generous accommodation for a family. With two bedrooms to first floor and annex to the rear of the garden, this is an ideal living situation for a family with elderly parents or teenagers.

Greater Leys £305,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Westbury built THREE BEDROOM semi detached house being sold with NO ONWARD CHAIN. Garage to the side with two parking spaces. Good sized FITTED KITCHEN/DINING ROOM with patio door to the rear garden. White bathroom suite upstairs plus a downstairs CLOAKROOM.

Florence Park £360,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

This property is in the Florence Park area and a fantastic price for a FOUR BEDROOM EXTENDED property. An internal viewing will reveal - Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner and bathroom to the ground floor. To the first floor there are four bedrooms and WC.

Cowley £335,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

EXTENDED semi detached house with THREE BEDROOMS and TWO RECEPTION ROOMS. Ground and first floor WET ROOMS. Front and rear gardens. GARAGE to rear. Ideal family home or investment property. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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OXFORD

East Oxford £485,000

Investment opportunity with tenants in situ, HMO for 5 rooms, offered with no onward chain and set in a desirable location within East Oxford. The property has spacious accommodation throughout, with well balanced space to compliment the four bedrooms to the first & second floors.
EPC Rating: D

Littlemore £325,000

Extended and refurbished home offered with no onward chain, ideal for a mature family or investors alike. The property has been designed to offer an adaptable living arrangement, open plan lounge kitchen and diner, study/bedroom four, utility room & WC. Three double bedrooms with en-suite to master.
EPC Rating: C

Greater Leys £300,000

Semi Detached House Offering Vacant Possession. Three bedrooms upstairs with two separate reception rooms to the ground floor plus cloakroom. Outside has enclosed rear garden with garage (currently converted) and own driveway. Double glazed & gas central heated.
EPC Rating: D

Florence Park £360,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Situated in the popular area of Florence Park nestled in the cul de sac of Campbell Road is this three bedroom end of terraced. Off street parking to the front and private enclosed garden over 100ft in length. Potential to extend subject to planning.

EPC Rating: C

Greater Leys £325,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Well-presented family home benefitting from refurbishment throughout. Situated in a desirable close, the property also has parking with garage.

EPC Rating: C

Cowley £365,000

SOLD IN 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

WELL PRESENTED three bedroom property located in a quiet cul de sac within walking distance to close shops and facilities at Templars Square plus an excellent bus route. EXTENDED and UPDATED throughout to a high standard and being sold with no onward chain. EPC Rating: D

Greater Leys £280,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

WELL PRESENTED two bedroom semi detached home offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property is situated in a desirable cu-de-sac benefiting from a conservatory, garage and off road parking.

EPC Rating: D

Littlemore £260,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

This property is in need of updating throughout and offer to the market sold as seen with vacant possession on sale. Located in a nice cul de sac with garage to the side and parking plus the house has a conservatory to the rear.

EPC Rating: D

East Oxford £475,000

SOLD IN THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

HMO licensed for five bedrooms, offered with vacant possession & ideally located with great access to shops and local amenities.

EPC Rating: D

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HEADINGTON

Risinghurst **OIE £450,000**

Offered with no onward chain, this spacious four bedroom property benefits from en-suite to master, garage and picturesque garden.

Headington **OIRO £225,000**

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Headington **£400,000**

A well presented three bed family home well situated for the John Radcliffe Hospital & access to city centre in Colterne Close. Cherwell catchment area and good transport links, please call us to book your viewing.

Oxford **£475,000**

Located in Oxford's 'Golden Triangle' this property offers spacious accommodation over two levels with off road parking. This location offers easy access to the bustling Cowley Road and St Clements shops, bars, restaurants and local amenities. Would be ideal for families or investors.

Headington **OIE £650,000**

Presented in excellent order throughout, this unique property has substantial living space over two floors and an extensive mature garden. Suitable for extension (subject to planning) and conveniently located for access to local amenities and transport links

Headington **£500,000**

Modern and spacious 3 bed family home which boasts extended kitchen diner at the rear, large living room and downstairs cloakroom on the ground floor.

Headington **£500,000**

Three bedroom family home in this highly regarded road.This property is offered with no onward chain. Within walking distance from the Churchill, Nuffield and JR hospitals. Also close proximity to Brookes campus and Headington shops.

Headington **£380,000**

This spacious house with a substantial garden is located in the catchment area for the Cherwell School. With easy access to Oxford hospitals and the A/M40 this property would make an ideal family home or investment opportunity

Quarry **OIE £385,000**

Offered with no onward chain and set within the ever popular Quarry conservation area. The property is in excellent order throughout and offers flexible living space over two levels and would be ideal for families and investors alike.

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THAME

Brill £285,000

A lovely, picturesque two bedroom property located in the sought after village of Brill. Viewing is highly advised. This home, which offers tidy and well maintained accommodation throughout includes a ground floor living room, dining room and kitchen whilst the first floor has a master bedroom, second double bedroom and bathroom.

Thame £400,000

A lovely and well maintained three bedroom semi-detached property located just a short distance from the historical market town centre of Thame. The property, which has been subject to a rear extension and a garage conversion gives the prospective buyer plenty of space with a bright and airy feel with neutral, well presented decor.

Chinnor £550,000

Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of this popular local village, this lovely home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout and as such viewing is highly recommended to the discerning home buyer.

Bledlow £925,000

A rare opportunity to acquire a four bedroom detached bungalow with mature and enclosed gardens approaching c. 0.3 acre in an excellent rural location with panoramic views across unspoilt countryside to the rear. Currently the property is in need of some upgrading and enhancement and offers excellent potential for future extension (sstp).

Chalgrove £450,000

A very well presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home on the outskirts of this thriving Oxfordshire village. Located in a cul-de-sac of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of the village, this lovely family home is offered for sale in pristine decorative order throughout.

Brill £525,000

This fine home has been the subject of extension and alteration over recent years and now provides larger than average living accommodation throughout. The current owners have maintained the property to a high internal specification and an early inspection is strongly advised.

Thame £300,000

Offering modern and well presented accomodation within a close distance to the centre of the popular market town of Thame, this mid terraced property has been lovingly maintained and enhanced to a high standard.

Chinnor £600,000

A contemporary three bedroom detached executive family home constructed by Vanderbuilt Homes in 2013, that enjoys a fabulous location on the outskirts of the Oxfordshire village of Chinnor. This fine family home offers larger than average accommodation, has a bright and airy feel and has been maintained to a high internal specification.

Chinnor £375,000

A 2 bedroom bungalow that provides good accommodation throughout with ample sized rooms and a formal and mature rear garden. The property, which is in need of some modernisation gives a bright and airy feel, with sitting room, double bedroom, bathroom, kitchen with access to the rear garden and a spacious master bedroom.

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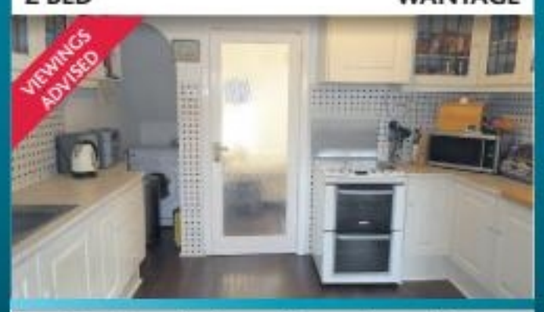

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The Cirencester and Witney branches have been recognised for their outstanding performance by The British Property Awards.

The Awards pride themselves on judging agents at a local level to ensure the public are provided with a rounded overview of their local market.

Brendan Kay, Director of both Martin & Co Cirencester and Witney, explained what the awards mean to the offices, "Winning the British Property Awards has been an enormous boost for the team. We work extremely hard to raise standards and deliver excellence – something we're absolutely delighted that this independently judged award has recognised."

Brendan continued, "We were particularly pleased that, as part of the award mystery shopping test, our apprentice was singled out for individual praise!"

The offices appear to be going from strength to strength, with Cirencester having been selected to sell and let a brand new development of executive flats close to the town centre as well as boasting a perfect student let success rate, "We've once again managed to let all of our student properties for this academic year and we're well underway for planning our marketing campaign for the 17/18 academic year – there's nothing like forward planning!"

Describing the success of Martin & Co Witney, Brendan said, "We've recently sold a plot for development into flats and have retained our position as the number 1 letting agent in the town (according to Rightmove)."

The Awards are designed to highlight and reward excellent performance both across the property industry and at a local level. The awarding body judge against a set of 25 criteria, each with a different weighting depending on the area.

Brendan was joined by his wife Lisa, at a ceremony at Banking Hall in London where Martin Roberts of Homes Under the Hammer presented their awards.

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Abingdon **£1,100pcm**

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Sunday October 9th

BBC1

Poldark, 9pm

9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News** (S) **1.15 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.00 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **2.45 Points of View** (S) **3.00 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **4.00 Lifeline** (S) **4.10 Songs of Praise** (S) **4.50 Animal Babies** (S) **5.50 BBC News** (S) **6.05 News** (S) **6.15 Countryfile** (S)

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The second couple are eliminated, and Michael Ball and Alfie Boe sing. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Broughton Castle in Oxfordshire. (S)

9.00 Poldark Ross searches for Mark Daniel in the hope of finding copper and makes a deal with Trencrom – but it may be too late when George calls in his debts. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Room 101 – Extra Storage With Henning Wehn, Michael Ball and Caroline Quentin. (S)(R)

11.10 FILM War of the Worlds (2005) (12) Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning. (S)

AFTER 12

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Ireland with Simon Reeve, 7pm

8.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) **9.00 Countryfile** (S)(R) **10.00 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **10.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **12.00 Food & Drink** (S)(R) **12.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **2.00 Natural World: Madagascar, Lemurs and Spies** (S)(R) **3.00 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **4.00 Flog It!** (S) **5.00 Rugby League** (S) **6.00 Modern Times: 24 Hour Parcel People** (S)(R)

7.00 Ireland with Simon Reeve Part two of two. Simon visits Belfast for the July 12 parades. (S)(R)

8.00 Wild West: America's Great Frontier New series. Documentary exploring the history, geography, wildlife and people of America's deserts. (S)

9.00 Sir Chris Hoy: 200mph at Le Mans Documentary following the Olympic cyclist as he retrains as a racing driver. (S)

10.00 FILM Begin Again (2013) (15) Premiere. Comedy drama, with Keira Knightley and Mark Ruffalo. (S)

11.40 FILM Wonder Boys (2000) (15) Drama, starring Michael Douglas and Tobey Maguire. (S)

1.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.20** Holby City (S)(R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two (S) **5.45** The Face of Britain by Simon Schama (S)(R)

ITV

The Chase: Celebrity Special, 7pm

9.05 Scrambled!: Adventure Time (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **11.30 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 The X Factor** (S)(R) **2.40 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **4.40 Victoria** (S)(R) **5.40 Doc Martin** (S)(R) **6.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special Nigel Havers, Melinda Messenger, Michelle Hardwick and Dave Gorman take on quiz genius the Chaser. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents the results of the first live show. (S)

9.00 Victoria The pregnant queen rebels against attempts by her mother and Albert to keep her in the palace. Last in the series. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (S)(R)

11.20 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures.

12.10 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls, 9pm

6.45 Triathlon: Stoke on Trent European City of Sport Triathlon 2016 (S) **7.40 Frasier** (S)(R) **8.30 Find It, Fix It, Flog It** (S) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **1.30 Formula 1 Japanese Grand Prix Highlights** (S) **3.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Posh Pawn James gets an enquiry about a passenger jet simulator. (S)

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin Guy Martin attempts to break the motorcycle land speed record. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Island with Bear Grylls Karen Danczuk takes charge of the situation as hunger takes its toll on the celebrities. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM Predators (2010) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Adrien Brody and Topher Grace. (S)

1.05 Travel Man: 48 Hours in Barcelona (S)(R) **1.35** Trump vs Clinton Live: US Presidential Debate (S) **3.45** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.05** The Tiny Tots Talent Agency (S)(R) **5.00** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas, 7.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.30 FIA Formula E Live: Hong Kong (S) **10.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **11.30 The Gadget Show Greatest Gadgets Ever** (S)(R) **12.30 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S) **1.00 The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) **2.50 FILM Hercules (1997) (U)** Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Tate Donovan. (S) **4.35 FILM Robin Hood (1973) (U)** (S) **6.15 Now That's Funny!** (S)

7.05 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas Featuring a double act who bend metal bars. (S)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers Todd is forced to travail a tenuous ice crossing. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM Parker (2013) (15) Action thriller, with Jason Statham and Jennifer Lopez. Includes 5 News at 10pm. (S)

11.20 FILM Safe (2012) (15) Action thriller, starring Jason Statham and Catherine Chan. (S)

1.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Raw Recruits: Squaddies at 16 (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.15** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.00** The X Factor **11.00** Coronation Street **1.25** Catchphrase **2.10** You've Been Framed! **2.40** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) **4.50** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) **6.50** FILM: Paranoia (2013) (12) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: Paranoia (2013) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.55** American Dad! **12.50** The Cleveland Show **1.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.10** The Hot Desk: DNCE **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Inspector Morse **8.10** Heartbeat **10.10** Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer **12.25** Rosemary & Thyme **2.25** FILM: Columbo: Suitable for Framing (1971) (PG) **4.10** FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) **6.00** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Lewis **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.05** Wire in the Blood **1.55** A Touch of Frost **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.15** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 In Their Own Words: 20th Century Composers **8.00** Gypsy: Live from the Savoy Theatre **10.15** Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood **11.45** Tales from the Royal Bedchamber **12.45** Light and Dark **1.45** Impact! A Horizon Guide to Plane Crashes **2.45** Dissected: The Incredible Human Hand **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Stage School **9.00** Baby Daddy **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Come Dine with Me: Made in Chelsea Special **1.30** Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me **2.40** FILM: Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) (U) **4.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Goldbergs **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Shallow Hal (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black. **11.15** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.20** The Inbetweeners **1.25** Gogglebox **2.25** Body Fixers **3.20** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** Come Dine with Me **12.30** Location, Location, Location **1.35** Homes by the Sea **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Nazi Olympics **9.00** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **10.00** Father Ted **11.05** The Big Fat Quiz of Everything **12.45** 24 Hours in A&E **1.50** Father Ted **2.20** Hitler: The Rise and Fall **3.25** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Hell Below Zero (1954) (U) **1.00** Gulliver's Travels (2010) (PG) **2.35** Evolution (2001) (PG) **4.35** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **6.40** The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel, with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. **9.00** Iron Man 2 (2010) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, with Robert Downey Jr. **11.25** Arbitrage (2012) (15) Thriller, starring Richard Gere. **1.35** Hitchcock/Truffaut (2015) (12) **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear India Special **10.00** Top Gear **11.00** Jay Leno's Garage **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** American Pickers **5.00** Top Gear India Special **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **1.15** FILM: Analyze That (2002) (15) **3.00** Red Dwarf **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Birds of a Feather **7.30** Pie in the Sky **8.20** The Bill **12.20** Call the Midwife **3.00** Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph **6.00** The Two Ronnies **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** The Wind in the Willows **1.10** Sweeney Todd **3.00** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

7.00 Monkey Life **8.30** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Sporting Rivalries **1.00** Four Weddings **2.00** Don't Tell the Bride **3.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammies **4.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **5.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **11.00** The Force: Essex **12.00** Stop, Search, Seize **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** UK Border Force **5.00** Stop, Search, Seize

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **7.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **2.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.30** FILM: The Departed (2006) (18) Gangster thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon. **1.20** The Night Of **2.30** Aquarius **4.20** Storm City **5.10** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

W SKY: 109

6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** Doctor Who **7.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Judge Faith **1.00** Doctor Who **5.00** Outnumbered **7.00** Beauty and the Beast **8.00** I've Got Something to Tell You **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Freddie Flintoff **10.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.00** Code Black **1.45** Grimm **2.30** Bondi Rescue **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Creature Comforts **7.10** I Dream of Jeannie **7.35** Blandings **8.50** The Vicar of Dibley Story **10.15** Lovejoy **12.45** Only Fools and Horses **9.10** FILM: Passport to Pimlico (1949) (U) Ealing comedy, starring Stanley Holloway. **10.50** Rex the Runt **11.00** FILM: Nuns on the Run (1990) (15) Comedy, starring Eric Idle and Robbie Coltrane. **12.55** The Thick of It **1.35** House of Fools **2.15** Stella Street **2.35** Human Remains **3.05** jam **3.30** The Armando Iannucci Shows **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

8.30 Live Formula 1. **9.15** Sporting Triumphs **9.30** The Sunday Supplement **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Live EFL. **2.15** Live EFL. Milton Keynes Dons v Port Vale (kick-off 2.15pm). **4.30** Live International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers. Wales v Georgia (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.15** Live International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers. Moldova v Republic of Ireland (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.15** Football Gold **10.30** Goals on Sunday **11.30** International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers **12.30** Sporting Triumphs **1.00** International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers **2.00** Premier League Years **4.00** International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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Introducing Fay Hield and The Hurricane Party

• Fay Hield (photo by David Angel)

AFTER a stellar performance at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre in April, Fay Hield and The Hurricane Party are returning to the county on Friday, October 14.

The musician and her trusty band will be performing at the Quaker Meeting House in St Giles', Oxford, as part of her small UK tour.

The singer-songwriter is used to a solo stage, but she will be joined by The Hurricane Party made up of Rob Harbron (English Concertina, fiddle, vocals), Sam Sweeney (fiddle, viola, cello, nyckelharpa, vocals), Roger Wilson (fiddle, guitar, mandolin and vocals), Ben Nicholls (Bass) and Toby Kearney (Percussion).

"Folk songs are made to be heard over and over again – and many audiences have known some of these songs for years, sung by many different artists," she told the Guardian.

"I like bringing fresh approaches to these old songs, and also digging up new old songs that they might be less familiar with.

"It is great to stretch those who know this music well, but it is also really accessible for anyone who's new to folk music, as each song tells its own story.

By **James Richings**

"It is lovely just hearing people enjoy the songs and singing along."

The musician arrives off the back of the release of her fourth studio album, 'Old Adam', which has had rave reviews from critics and fans.

But the success didn't start there – the singer-songwriter won two prizes at the 2014 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Previous albums 'Looking Glass' (2010) and 'Orfeo' (2012) proved big hits, and Fay is optimistic her newest will follow suit.

She shared some pearls of wisdom for aspiring musicians: "Aim high and take risks. Take gigs you don't think you're ready for and work hard to pull them off."

She added: "A lot of it is admin and management, so don't wait for things to come to you, go and ask that bass player to join your band, book yourself a gig, go out and make it happen."

Tickets cost £14, £10 for concessions and the gig will start at 8pm.

Gigging Til Dawn

TUNES from the likes of Foo Fighters, Black Keys, Royal Blood, Arctic Monkeys, Muse, Kings Of Leon and many more will be blasted out of The Bell when Banbury-based covers band Til Dawn arrive at the town's Bell pub on Saturday, October 15.

The group is made up of Dean Tuckey on vocals and guitar, Dan Boscott on guitar, Steve Sharpe as the drummer and bassist Paul Gibson.

"We play a good mix of well known modern rock covers but we also like to go off the beaten track, adding a unique twist of our own individual tastes," Dan said.

"And our aim is to introduce people to new artists and songs so we love playing live.

"We like to feed off the audience and have a few tricks up our sleeve to get them up and keep them going 'Til Dawn'."

On writing and recording their own material, Dan told the Guardian: "We haven't done it yet but we are in the process of writing our own material."

He urges fans to keep a look out for any new releases and follow them ontildawn.co.uk.

The gig at the High Street venue is free and starts at 9pm.

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Family drama played out

THAT transition you make from teenager to adulthood is never easy.

But what happens when you are struggling to express yourself beyond your parents' love and expectations?

Find out when the popular play, 'Things I Know to be True' visits the Oxford Playhouse.

The play, written by Australian playwright Andrew Bovell, started its run of seven shows at the Beaumont Street venue on Tuesday, with the last performance being on Saturday.

It looks at the life of four grown siblings, who find to difficult to find their place in society due to their parents' prospects.

For Natalie Casey, who plays Pip Price, the chance to play a character who shows raw emotion was too good to turn down.

She said: "My character is the second oldest child in a family of four and I take the decision to entirely change my life.

"I am married with children, and I feel that my marriage isn't going very well. So I decide to change my life and leave my husband and children for a new job and more exciting personal opportunities."

Natalie added: "The complexity of the writing drew me to the play.

"It's about a family and the physical

By **James Richings**

aspect means that in a rehearsal room, you are so close to the people you are working with. That's a very rare thing.

"And I think a lot of family dramas are people standing in a set that looks like a kitchen, shouting at each other, and this is an entirely different thing altogether – a very, very complex piece of work."

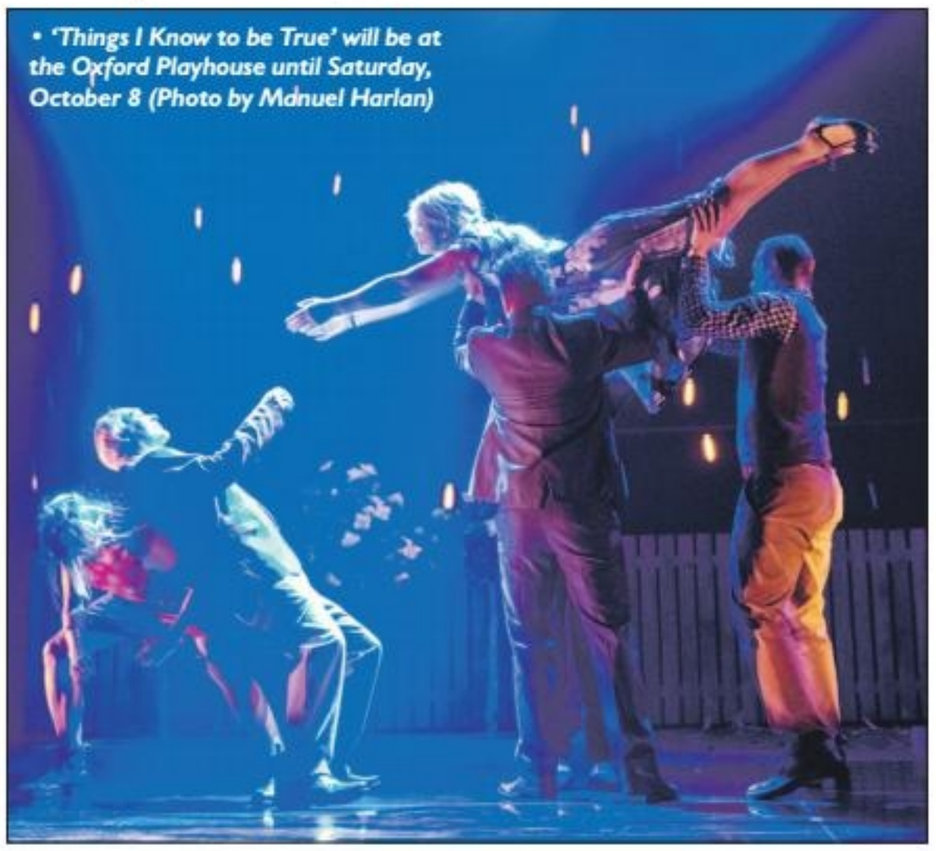
Prior to her success on stage, 36-year-old Natalie is best known for portraying Donna Henshaw in the popular TV sitcom 'Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps', and as Carol Groves in the Channel 4 soap opera 'Hollyoaks' from 1996 to 2000.

But, following her switch from TV work to the stage, the actress is looking forward to visiting theatres in Liverpool, Chichester, Salford and Coventry as the show follows a short tour across the UK this autumn.

So with all the travelling on her schedule, Natalie revealed her own pre-show ritual that 'gets her in the mood' to perform.

"When it's the press night, people get very, very nervous, and I'm very susceptible to picking up other people's emotions.

"So I like to just spend a little bit of time on my own.



• 'Things I Know to be True' will be at the Oxford Playhouse until Saturday, October 8 (Photo by Manuel Harlan)

"I like to go and stand at the side for a little bit, on my own, get my mind together, go on and do it.

"I'm a big gangsta rap fan, (I'm not making that up, it is true), so I listen to some of that before I go on stage.

"It really gets you in the mood."

Tickets for the play cost from £11.50 to £27. For further information, call the box office on 01865 305305 or visit the theatre's website at: www.oxfordplayhouse.com.

Indie-folk group to play at The Cellar

THE sound of Canadian indie-folk will echo around The Cellar when Folly and the Hunter visit the Frewin Centre in Oxford on Sunday, October 9.

The band, comprising Nick Vallee, Laurie Torres, Christopher Fox and Phil Creamer, was formed in 2008 and, following the release of their debut album three years later, is becoming a popular name in the folk world.

It's their first visit to The Cellar, with the group hoping it will be a show to remember as they travel the country to promote their new album 'Awake.'

Nick said: "The best thing about performing is to know that you are connecting meaningfully with other people.

"To me, music is pretty meaningless in a vacuum.

"There needs to be that human connection for the music to have an impact, and the fact that you are having an emotional impact on others is the best feeling."

The band will also play venues in Liverpool, Manchester and London before travelling to mainland Europe for a series of gigs.

Doors for the Oxford gig open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £7.

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Faustus folk up Nettlebed

MUSICAL ensemble Faustus will make their bow at Nettlebed Folk Club on Monday, October 10, following the release of their new album, 'Death & Other Animals'.

By **James Richings**

The trio consists of Saul Rose, a former member of folk group Waterson:Carthy, and Paul Sartin and Benji Kirkpatrick, best known as Bellowhead band members.

After meeting through mutual friends in the mid-2000s, Paul formed the group in 2006 after a quartet he was in disbanded.

"We try to get the audience involved as early on as possible, and break down the barrier between 'us' and 'them'," Paul told the Guardian.

"That's one of the strengths of folk music and in particular chorus songs – if they appreciate the gig, we feel we've achieved that aim and that it's a job well done.

"Our repertoire consists of mainly traditional English folk music. Songs about love gone wrong, grisly murder ballads, saucy sea shanties, dark humour, and some jolly tunes."

In the last 10 years the group has released three albums. including 'Broken Down Gentleman', which was released in 2013.

The three friends are on a UK tour visiting cities and towns from Croydon to Hull.

Each member of the group is involved in various side projects, making their commitment with Faustus somewhat sporadic.

However, with Bellowhead disbanding in May this year, Faustus could step into the spotlight.

With Benji on the guitar and bouzouki, Saul on the melodeon, Paul on the fiddle and oboe, and all of them singing, the band promises a night to remember on Monday evening.

Paul added: "I've played there with another ensemble but it's a first for Faustus – and I'm looking forward to introducing the band to the venue."

Tickets cost £13.50.

The gig starts at 8pm at the High Street venue.

• *Faustus (from left) Saul Rose, Paul Sartin and Benji Kirkpatrick (Picture by Ian Andrews)*

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Thurs 6th Oct: Angela get us excited about the Abingdon Christmas Extravaganza
Thurs 11th Oct: Dominic Dyer chats badgers

Don't miss our talk shows, On **Thursday Beverley Sunderland** talks business, on **Friday Emma-Jane** talks health and fitness, on **Monday** we air a new show called **Sport in Spotlight**, on Tuesday **Daisy Smith** talks current affairs, and on **Wednesday, Eve Ahmed** talks community.

Fri, Oct 7, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
RONNIE SCOTT'S ALL STAR PRESENT
Combining world-class live jazz from the Ronnie Scott's All Stars Quintet, led by the club's musical director, with narration and rare archive photos and video footage, this is a visual and musical celebration of this world-famous venue. Charting the club's rise from a basement bar where local musicians would jam, through its trials and tribulations and landmark performances from now-legendary jazz icons, to become the internationally acclaimed jazz venue it is today.
Mixing classic music from the jazz greats who have performed there, alongside tales of old Soho and miscreant musicians and police raids.

Fri, Oct 7 – Sat, Oct 8
New Theatre, Oxford
SLEEPING BEAUTY
A sumptuous and scintillating Sleeping Beauty that highlights the magic and splendour of the triumph of good over evil. As Aurora pricks her finger the curse of the wicked Aunt Carabosse comes true until the Prince awakens her with a kiss, the spell is broken and Carabosse dies. International principal dancers, Amy Drew, Adele Robbins, Oliver Speers, Brenden Bratulic and Steven Wheeler as Carabosse dance the leading roles in a glittering and highly dramatic production of this most famous of all ballets, featuring an impressive cast of up to 100 young dancers.
Now in its eighteenth year, English Youth Ballet has gained in popularity and has an established a formidable reputation for classic and dramatic productions of the famous full length classical ballets.

Fri, Oct 7, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
UB40
Featuring UB40's founding members Jimmy Brown, Robin Campbell, Earl Falconer, Norman Hassan and Brian Travers plus Duncan Campbell, Martin Meredith, Lawrence Parry and Tony Mullings. Expect the classics!

Fri, Oct 7 – Sat, Oct 8
The Beacon, Wantage
OKTOBERFEST
In association with Loose Cannon Brewery, our Oktoberfest celebrates all that is good about beer with many ales, ciders and porters to try and plenty of food and entertainment to enjoy with live music from local bands.

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Sat, Oct 8
O2 Academy, Oxford
CREAM CLASSICS
Cream Classics is touring the country with its most popular residents Seb Fontaine, Tall Paul, dance duo and former Cream residents, K-Klass and the mighty Allister Whitehead.

Sat, Oct 8
O2 Academy, Oxford
FROM THE JAMS
From the Jam featuring original Jam member Bruce Foxton along with Russell Hastings and Smiley will be performing the A & B Side to every single released by The Jam.

Sat, Oct 8, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
HAL CRUTTENDEN: STRAIGHT OUTTA CRUTTENDEN
Host of Live At The Apollo and star of Radio 4, the great Hal is back ranting about the real evils of the modern world; from oversharing on social media to the 5:2 diet. The more he complains the funnier he gets!
As seen on The Royal Variety Performance, Would I Lie To You?, The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice, Live At The Palladium and Have I Got News For You.

Sat, Oct 8, 11am, 1pm and 3pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SPRUNG
Sprung celebrates movement and disability; dancers bounce, wheel and jump, using the sofa and inspiration from the audience to challenge perceptions of who can dance. From bolero to street dance, ska to contemporary, this spirited, comic piece is a joy to behold, so do come down and join us.

Saturday, October 8 – Thursday, November 24
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
ALONG THE HIDDEN PATH
In this exhibition artist Stuart Roper continues his exploration of the Oxfordshire countryside, with its lanes and quiet corners, often found in the most unexpected places.
Following on from his very successful show 'Oxford Refracted' at Art Jericho earlier in the year, Stuart brings a selection of his new work to the Cornerstone.
Stuart works in a variety of media including watercolour, gouache, acrylics and oils.
His paintings show the influence of the Scottish Colourists, yet he has a deep affinity with the English landscape.
With work exhibited in a number of galleries throughout the UK and with paintings in private collections all over the world, his growing reputation has attracted the attention of fine art buyers across the globe.

Mon, Oct 10, 7pm
We Are Scientists,
O2 ACADEMY, OXFORD
Brooklyn, New York based power pop troupe are back with their fifth album, Helter Seltzer, the record We Are Scientists asked their ex-keyboard player Max Hart to produce.

Tue, Oct 11, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
AURORA
is a singer-songwriter who crafts dark pop music of rare depth. 2016 sees the release of her highly anticipated debut album, All My Demons Greeting Me as a Friend.

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following her rendition of Oasis' 'Half the World Away' for 2015's John Lewis Christmas advert.

Thu, Oct 13, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
DEAD KENNEDYS
Formed in 1978, just two years after the officially recognised inception of punk rock in 1976, Dead Kennedys are a pioneering force in America's punk movement.

Fri, Oct 14, 6.30pm
Little Brother Eli
O2 ACADEMY, OXFORD
Formed in Oxford in 2013, Little Brother Eli take strong and powerful vocals, growling guitar lines and gritty, biting solos to create their own twist on alternative rock. 2016 sees the release of their debut album, Cold Tales.

Fri, Oct 14, 8.30pm
Glee Club, Oxford
FELICITY WARD
Felicity Ward will be at the Glee Club inn Oxford

Saturday, October 15, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
WRECKING BALL
A male photographer is taking a photograph of a female celebrity. She wants to be reinvented. She wants to be For Real. Wrecking Ball is about consent, power, authorship and putting words in other people's mouths. It's about the seductive power of make-believe. This double-hander asks who's really in control and how subtle abuses of power shape our relationships.
Commissioned by the Spring Festivals Commission 2015: Sprint, Watch Out, Mayfest, Pulse and Latitude Festival. Seeded by greenhouse, A Farnham Maltings initiative, and developed with the support of the National Theatre Studio, The Point, Eastleigh and The West End Centre. Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.
Wrecking Ball is a play written and performed by Action Hero. Action Hero have performed in theatres, bars and public spaces everywhere, from an old cinema in Bangkok to Shanghai Grand Theatre, from a blues bar in Texas to a Satan's Riders Motorcycle club house in Tasmania. Their ongoing interests lie in the iconography of popular culture and its use; both as a weapon and as a shared cultural memory, and although their work manifests many different forms, the live experience is at the heart of everything they do. Gemma & James have been shortlisted for several awards and won an Austin (Texas) Critic's Table Award in 2013. In 2015, a book of six of their works was published by Oberon.

Sun, Oct 16, 2.30pm
Halloween Walks Teaser

WIN tickets to see Christy Moore at the New Theatre, Oxford

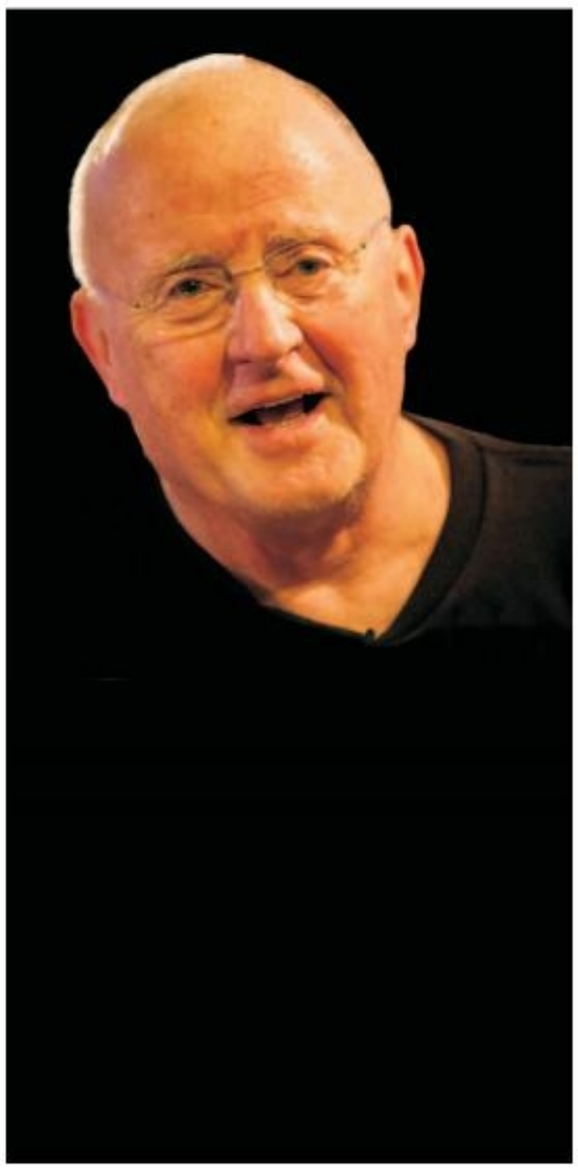
Closing date: Monday, October 10

LEGEND Christy Moore remains a relevant force on today's contemporary music scene

2010 saw him win Best Male at Ireland's prestigious Meteor Music Awards and the Penguin Book of Irish Verse included his song 'Lisdoonvarna'. Meanwhile 2011 saw him take the stage with Coldplay in front of 80,000 at Oxygen Festival and his cover of Bob Dylan's 'Hattie Carroll' has been included on The Rough Guide to Bob Dylan, which features the best Bob Dylan covers.

With his album Where I Come From released Nov 2013, Moore looks set to continue his reign as the king of Irish roots music, with a career – both as a sole musician and with Planxty and Moving Hearts – that has spanned over four decades.

He will be appearing Oxford's New Theatre on Wednesday, October 12 and we have a pair of tickets for this legend's gig. To be in with a chance of winning the tickets just answer this simple question:



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Ford Mustang: 'A work of art'

AS far as I can tell, everyone loves a Mustang. The reason for this is plainly simple – just look at that picture you see before you and you will soon begin to understand why. It is a work of art.

By **Anthony Yates**

Ok, I know what some of you are thinking – 'it's a big fat muscle car that is draining the earth of all its fossil fuels is about as useful as a watch with no hands'. But you would be wrong – because what the Mustang does do is excite every strand of your body's nervous system and then swing into full attack mode on your internal organs and present you with one of the most thrilling drives you might ever undertake.

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On the road:

The Mustang is a joy to drive no matter where you are going or what road surface you are driving on.

As the Mustang is rear wheel drive you do need to remember that its very easy to spin up those rear wheels due to the massive amount of torque coming from that V8 engine.

Into the corners it felt planted and not heavy or cumbersome at all. If you feed in the power at the right time into the right corner then you will be rewarded with a massive amount of traction and speed in and out of corners.

Design and technology

The look says it all really. Owning a Mustang for me is about as exciting as it gets because it's all about presence on the road, and that is something you just can't ignore.

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To sum up: The Mustang is an epic car and I am now a lost soul who is in need of some additional therapy, so I will be saving every penny I can because I want to continue to be that person that makes everybody who comes into contact with the Mustang – turn and give me a great big smile.

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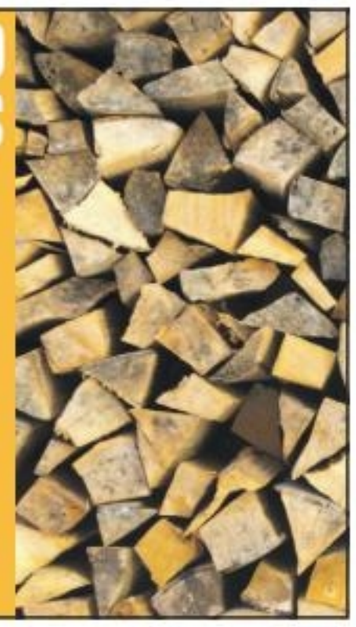

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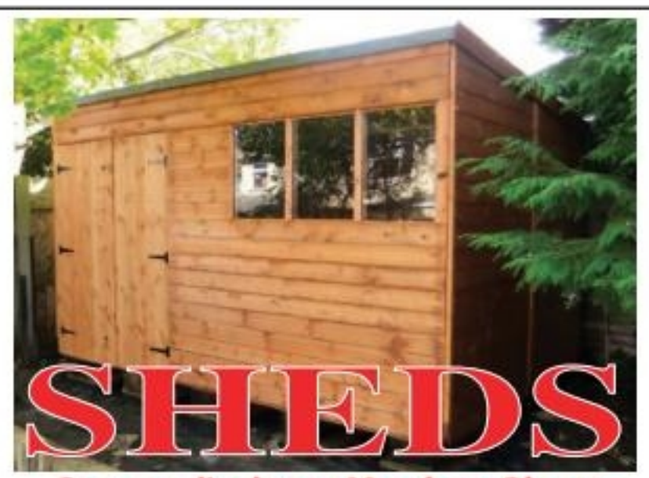

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Williams get best result since June as Bottas comes in fifth

By **Adam Flinn**

WILLIAMS recorded their best result since June at Sunday's Malaysian Grand Prix, as Valtteri Bottas made good use of tyre strategy to bring his car home in fifth.

The Finn recovered from a poor qualifying that saw him line up 11th to work his way through the field and secure his best finish since finishing on the podium at the Canadian Grand Prix four months ago.

He moved up to eighth after benefitting from the collision between Sebastian Vettel and Nico Rosberg at the first corner.

Starting on the medium tyre meant he didn't make his first pitstop until lap 28, and switched to the hard compound for the remainder of the race.

And with most of the grid opting for a two-stop strategy, he was able to jump up the order and leave Kuala Lumpur with 10 points.

"It was a very good day for us," said Bottas after the race.

"We definitely got everything there was to get from the race – the start was good, and we were able to make our planned strategy work."

However it was the complete opposite for Bottas' team-mate Felipe Massa, who had a torrid afternoon beset with bad fortune to finish 13th.

Massa's race was ruined even before the start, as his throttle wasn't working ahead of the formation lap and he was left stranded on the grid, before a puncture on lap six compounded his troubles.

He said: "Well, when it's not your day, it's not your day.

"My throttle wasn't working. The engine was on and I was trying to get it to work, but I couldn't so we did the start from the pitlane."

It was a race to forget for Banbury-based Haas as well, as both Romain Grosjean and Esteban Gutierrez's races ended prematurely in dramatic fashion.

Grosjean's brakes exploded on lap seven at the end of the long straight before the final corner, while Gutierrez's front wheel broke off on lap 39, for which the team was fined €5,000.

Manor had a quiet afternoon as Pascal Wehrlein and Esteban Ocon finished at the back in 15th and 16th respectively.

• *Valtteri Bottas heads Romain Grosjean during Sunday's Malaysian Grand Prix (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	288
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	265
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	204
4. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	160
5. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	153
6. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	147
7. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**80**
8. Sergio Perez	Force India	74
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	50
10. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	42
11. Felipe Massa	**Williams**	**41**
12. Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	30
13. Romain Grosjean	**Haas**	**28**
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	25
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	19
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**7**
17. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**1**
18. Pascal Wehrlein	**Manor**	**1**
19. Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
20. Esteban Gutierrez	**Haas**	**0**
21. Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23. Rio Haryanto	**Manor**	**0**
24. Esteban Ocon	**Manor**	**0**

Palmer celebrates first point

THINGS finally came together for Renault driver Jolyon Palmer as he scored his first ever point in Formula One at Sunday's Malaysian Grand Prix.

The British rookie made full advantage of a one-stop strategy to move up from his qualifying position of 19th to bring his car home in 10th.

He started on the hard tyres and remained on those until lap 31, before changing to the soft tyres until the end of the race.

"It feels good, I'm really happy," said Palmer.

"The car gave me everything I needed, we handled the tyres well and the team did a great job with strategy and pitstops.

"We got a little bit of a break as well – finally everything came together and we got it home to P10."

However, team-mate Kevin Magnussen was not quite so lucky, as he got caught up in the aftermath of the collision between Sebastian Vettel and Nico Rosberg at the first corner.

A knock from the collision damaged a brake cooling drum fence, eventually leading to Magnussen pulling out of the race after 17 laps.

He said: "We changed the front wing and kept pushing, however the brake cooling was damaged and the brake temperature kept climbing, so we had to retire."

• *Jolyon Palmer scored his first ever F1 point in Malaysia (Picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)*

Lynn in strong performance at Malaysia GP

GP2 racer Alex Lynn has said he had a "really good race" at the Malaysian Grand Prix last weekend, despite not registering any points in his second race.

But the Oxford-based DAMS racer did finish fourth in the first race at the Sepang International circuit to record 12 points.

In Saturday's race, Lynn finished in fourth place with a time of 52:34.263, 16.214 seconds off the PREMA Racing winner Antonio Giovinazzi.

But even though he started fifth on the grid, he could only manage a 12th-placed finish in Sunday's race, two places off the points positions, while Trident racer Luca Ghiotto took maximum points.

He said the slump happened because "something wasn't quite right with our tyres".

Yet London-born Lynn was in a positive mood after the weekend's action as he closes in on eighth place in the standings with just one more round to go.

He said: "I had a really good race in the GP2 Series supporting the Malaysian Grand Prix to finish fourth, which is a welcome upturn in form for us bearing in mind the difficult summer the DAMS team have had."

Lynn is ninth in the standings on 105 points, four behind eighth and seven off seventh place with one round remaining.

The last round of the GP2 Series is the United Arab Emirates Grand Prix on November 26 and 27. In the meantime he will make his debut in the FIA World Endurance Championship at Fuji on October 16.

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Back-to-back defeats for Oxford Hockey Club ladies

OXFORD Hockey Club ladies' 1s made it two defeats in two for the new season following a 4-2 defeat at home to Epsom in the South League Division 2 on Saturday.

Having been held up on the M25, Epsom arrived late and Oxford used the extra preparation time to their advantage, going close with early chances from Christy Barnard, Kim Warman and Floor Timmer.

Epsom soon came into the game, and OHC keeper Emma Henriksen had to be on good form.

She kept out a penalty flick but Epsom's pressure told and they were able to break the deadlock with two goals towards the end of the half.

Oxford strengthened their efforts in the second half and good pressure from Warman and Beth Williamson resulted in a number of corners for Oxford.

A great cross-pitch ball from Oxford found Jen Johnson out wide who released player of the match Amy Litchfield in space before the ball found its way to Timmer in the D who duly finished.

Epsom then found their own space with a ball through the middle of the field finding the Epsom forwards in the Oxford D who made the score 3-1. A breakaway goal soon after brought their tally to four.

Oxford continued to push and were rewarded close to the death when Harri Wilkinson slotted home an Oxford penalty corner to leave the final score 4-2 to Epsom.

Oxford City Stars to add new signings

OXFORD City Stars' head coach Simon Anderson is to receive a boost after the club's board agreed to bolster the playing squad.

The Stars have only registered one win in five matches in all competitions so far, since the season opener on September 11.

That solitary win came at home to Streatham in an 8-5 victory on September 18.

In the absence of a match this weekend Oxford City Stars' board of directors met to review the opening of the season and unanimously agreed to the addition of further players to the squad.

Director Paul Lynch said: "We've looked at where we are and the injuries and depth of squad and we feel we need to add more bodies to the roster.

"We'll be speaking to head coach Simon Anderson in the coming days."

U's lose on penalties to rivals but pick up point

By **George Welch**

TEN-MAN Oxford United picked up a point despite a penalty shootout defeat at local rivals Swindon Town in the Checkatrade Trophy on Tuesday night.

Although winger Alex MacDonald received a red card just before half-time, Michael Appleton's men held out for a 0-0 draw in normal time.

In the new competition format, Oxford still receive a point for the shootout defeat, while Swindon, who will be delighted to have some form of win against the U's, collect two points for winning the shootout.

Ryan Taylor was the only United player to convert from the spot as the U's lost 3-1 on penalties.

Despite Sean Murray and Luke Norris missing from 12 yards for the Robins, Liam Sercombe, Wes Thomas and Joe Ruffles all made costly mistakes from the spot.

Darnell Furlong scored the decisive penalty for the hosts.

MacDonald's evening was ended on 37 minutes as he was judged to have left his studs in when challenging Swindon's Anton Rodgers in midfield, leaving the U's to compete with 10 men for almost an hour.

The red card was not a surprise – the winger's dismissal is the fifth red card in the last five meetings between the sides and the seventh in the last eight.

The visitors had the better chances before that point, but their game plan immediately changed.

United's defence dug in to keep Town's chances to a minimum and goalkeeper Simon Eastwood was once again in superb form to maintain his clean sheet.

Having won the last six meetings, it was the first time Oxford had not won a derby since 2001.

But with so many fans opposing the inclusion of Premier League and Championship under-23 sides in the new look Football League Trophy – now known as the Checkatrade Trophy – the atmosphere was nothing like previous meetings.

Tuesday night's attendance of a mere 2,698 (including 533 U's fans) is the lowest ever gate for the A420 derby, despite being the highest attendance in the tournament on the night.

Supporters up and down the country have been encouraged to boycott the matches, with the hashtag #BTeamBoycott being used on Twitter to urge fans to stay away from games.

With Oxford's other Group 11 opponents – Exeter City and Chelsea U23 – not playing until later this month, they currently sit in second spot, one point behind Swindon.

The top two teams will qualify for the knockout stages. Oxford, who are in a commanding position to qualify, will play away at Chelsea U23s on November 8 for their last group game.

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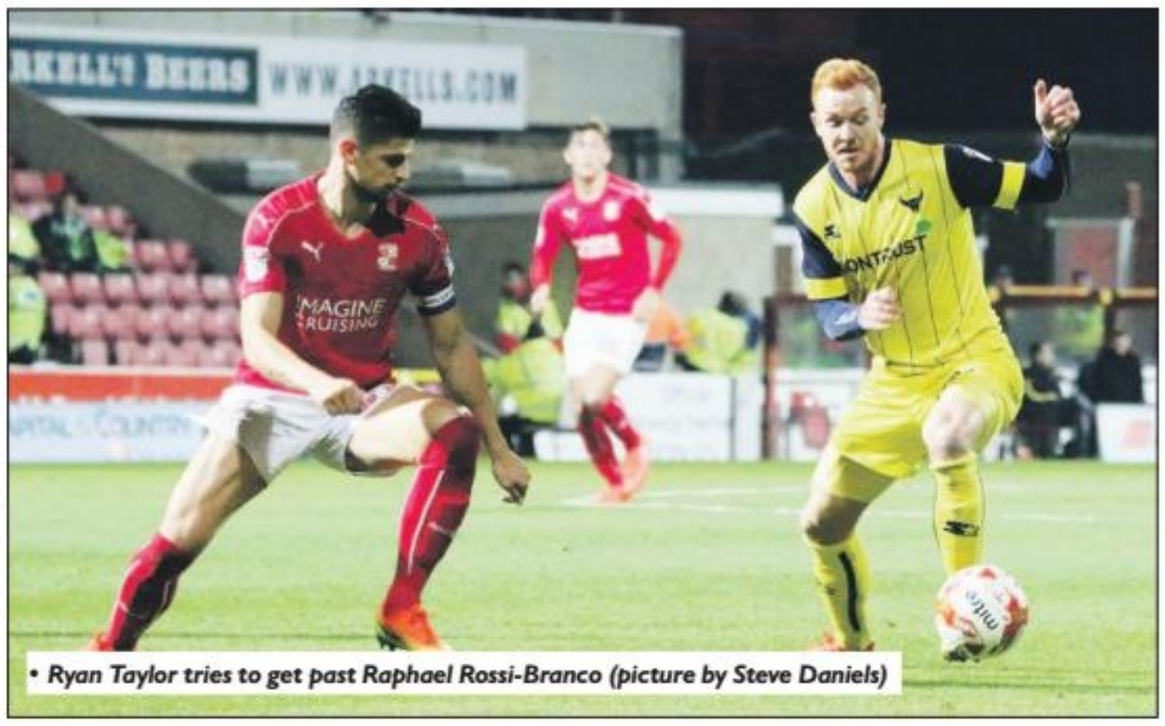

• Ryan Taylor tries to get past Raphael Rossi-Branco (picture by Steve Daniels)

• Alex MacDonald receives his marching orders (picture by Steve Daniels)

• Jason Plato (right) in action (Picture courtesy of @jasonplato)

Plato finishes year in seventh

JASON Plato's chances of a third British Touring Car Championship title were dashed in the final circuit of the season at the Brands Hatch Grand Prix on Sunday.

Plato was one of eight drivers who had a mathematical chance of taking the crown, although he was 58 points adrift of leader Sam Tordoff heading into the final round.

The Silverline Subaru BMR Racing driver finished fourth, second and 10th in the weekend's three races to climb a position and finish the BTCC season in seventh place.

Plato's Subaru teammate Colin Turkington also had a chance of silverware and he was still in the title hunt after winning the first two races.

Turkington finished the last race of the season in 12th position to finish the championship in fourth place, 33 points adrift of champion Gordon Shedden.

Banbury left blue after Newbury loss

BANBURY narrowly missed out on a losing bonus point with a 28-20 loss to Newbury Blues on Saturday.

They found themselves behind to the visiting side early on with pressure eventually telling with an early forwards try.

With the Blues squandering a number of their own opportunities Banbury managed to level the scores through Sam Stoop.

Man of the match Jack Briggs took a quick line-out with quick hands putting Stoop over in the corner.

Stand-in captain Ed Phillips then put the Bulls ahead with a penalty to make the scores 10-7 at half-time.

They extended their lead against the run of play with another penalty after the break, but it didn't last long as Newbury hit back with a try straight from kick off.

Soft defence from the Bulls then led to a further two converted tries as Newbury started to play with their tails up.

Banbury did however manage to cross through Cash Chilvers with the last play of the game, but had left it too late to salvage a bonus point.

Meanwhile Grove are up to fourth in the league after beating Witney 24-18.

• A faultering Banbury line-out

North Leigh one win from FA Cup first round proper

The Millers create history

By **George Welch**

NORTH Leigh are just a solitary win away from a potential money spinning FA Cup first round tie after beating Folkestone Invicta 3-1 in the FA Cup third qualifying round on Saturday.

Saturday's win at Eynsham Park created history for the Millers as it is the first time they have ever progressed beyond the third qualifying round.

A brace from forward George Seacole and a Wayne Turk header ensured John Brough's men beat their Ryman Premier League opposition.

Folkestone Invicta play in the league above their hosts but it was a game in which the Millers comprehensively outplayed their opponents.

The west Oxfordshire side's reward is a trip to National League side Eastleigh on October 15.

Amid a heavy downpour of rain and with the floodlights on, the first half saw the Millers take a late two goal lead after a number of chances went begging.

Folkestone Invicta were poor in the first half and rarely threatened Leigh's defensive line throughout.

Although the second half was more even, the visitors were still second best to a vibrant Millers team, although their late consolation goal salvaged some pride.

Despite wasting several early opportunities, Leigh finally made a breakthrough on 36 minutes.

Morgan Williams floated a corner from the right into the box where Turk rose high to nod home.

Just six minutes later, Elliot Osborne-Ricketts found Seacole on the left side of the penalty area and the striker struck a low shot firmly past the keeper from seven yards to double Leigh's advantage.

The early minutes of the second half were full of drama as a North Leigh goal on 47 minutes was ruled offside before a free kick just outside the visitors' penalty area came to nothing.

But on the hour mark, the best goal of the game was scored and it was Seacole again who got his sixth goal in three games.

Lance Williams threaded a delightful ball through to Seacole who clipped the ball past the advancing keeper into the left hand corner from 12 yards.

With a 3-0 lead, the Millers ensured their defence remained solid whilst Folkestone tried desperately to get back into the match.

With time running out Folkestone continued to press and on 86 minutes they were rewarded with a goal as Carl Rook tapped the ball home from close range.

• North Leigh players celebrate (picture by Paul Foster)

Banbury suffer FA Cup defeat

• Banbury celebrate Ricky Johnson's goal (picture by Edwin Barson)

BANBURY United were cruelly denied a first appearance in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round draw since 1980 when a last-minute winner condemned them to a 2-1 defeat at Wealdstone on Saturday.

Wealdstone substitute Sahr Kabba knocked home a right wing cross from close range in the 88th minute to cause heartbreak for the Puritan fans who had travelled to St George's Stadium.

Ricky Johnson had levelled for the hosts on 57 minutes after Tom Hamblin had given the Raiders a first half lead.

Wealdstone started the better of the two sides and took the lead on 11 minutes when an excellent cross from the right by Matthew Whichelow was met with a bullet header from Hamblin at the far post.

Wealdstone dominated the first half and were unlucky not to extend their advantage.

But on a rare United venture forward in the 41st minute the impressive George Jeacock caused problems down the left with his pace but his low cross into the centre was hacked clear before a United player could pounce.

The Puritans were much improved in the second half and equalised on 57 minutes when Johnson followed up his own rebound from a set-piece to bring the hosts level.

From then on Banbury looked more dangerous going forward and either side looked as though they might nick a winner.

But it was the Conference South side who snatched the winner when Kabba finished from close range two minutes from time.

Banbury also progressed to the second round of the Southern League Cup by beating Cirencester Town on penalties after a 1-1 draw on Tuesday night. A late Andy Gunn header for United forced penalties.

Didcot Town denied twice at the death

DIDCOT Town went out of the League Challenge Cup on penalties on Tuesday despite a thrilling comeback from 3-1 down away at North Leigh.

After going behind to two first half goals from Matty and Aaron Woodley, captain Luke Carnell responded with a header from Ben Whitehead's corner.

The hosts then restored their two-goal cushion with a third goal against the run of play.

With minutes remaining Whitehead fired in a low drive to put them back in the game, before grabbing an injury time equaliser with a free kick.

Going immediately to penalties both sides scored two out of their first three before Jordi Mulvany faltered with Didcot's fourth and Elliott Osbourne-Ricketts netted the winner.

On Saturday Didcot were denied a win at the death against Bishop's Cleeve in the league.

Diddy broke the deadlock when skipper Carnell nodded home in the 79th minute.

Cleeve fought hard for an equaliser and Jack Watts hit the post in the final minute before their prayers were answered with a controversial 93rd-minute penalty.

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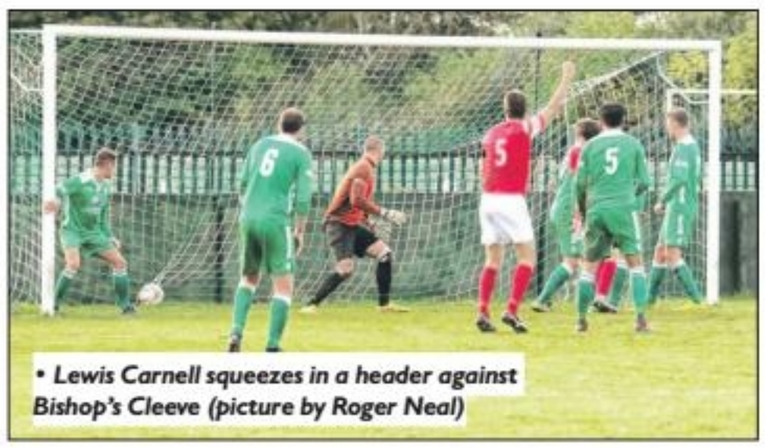

• Lewis Carnell squeezes in a header against Bishop's Cleeve (picture by Roger Neal)

Freds still looking for first league win of the season

WANTAGE Town are still looking for their first league win of the season following Saturday's 3-0 defeat to Tiverton Town at Alfredian Park.

A brace from Owen Howe and a first half header from Craig Duff secured a convincing win for the visitors who remain unbeaten and condemned the Freds to second bottom in the table.

Another heavy defeat means Wantage are winless in 11 Southern League Division 1 South & West matches.

The Alfredians had started the better of the two teams and had the chance to take the lead on seven minutes, but Todd Hathaway's shot was just inches wide of Tivvy's right hand post.

But just over 10 minutes later, the visitors took the lead after the Freds conceded a free kick just inside their own half.

A floated cross was met by the head of Craig Duff, who headed home.

The Freds nearly levelled straight away with some nice link up play with Mark Francis and Hathaway cutting through Tivvy's defence, but again Hathaway was unable to find the target.

Tivvy applied more pressure in the second half and doubled their lead when Howe converted his first of the afternoon from four yards on 70 minutes.

Howe grabbed his second almost straight after kick off to round off a convincing 3-0 win.

Sport Bites

Coach recruitment

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Oxford Saints are on the lookout for a senior coach to help with the first team following the clubs promotion to Division 1.

In particular, the club is looking for a quarterbacks coach, a linebacker coach and a defensive back coach.

Visit oxfordsaints.com/coaching for more details.

Holiday course

FOOTBALL: Oxford United Women are hosting a girls only holiday course this October half-term.

The holiday course, aimed at girls aged five to 12, will run from October 24 to October 28 at Abingdon United's Northcourt Stadium, starting at 9am and finishing at 3pm.

The week will consist of one-themed session a day covering passing and controlling, turning and dribbling.

Each course participant will receive an exclusive ticket offer for Oxford United Women home games and a certificate of achievement.

Women's Sport Week

WOMENS: Monday marked the start of the second annual Women's Sport Week, a week where people celebrate, raise awareness and increase the profile of women's sport across the UK.

Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity (OxSPA) are supporting women's participation on a local level by encouraging women and girls in Oxfordshire to become more active.

Visit oxspa.co.uk for more information.

Women's Sport Week runs until Sunday.

England call

RUGBY: Former Chinnor Rugby back row forward Sam Jones has been called up to the England squad for the autumn internationals.

Head coach Eddie Jones said he picked the brains of Wallaby legend George Smith before handing Wasps flanker Sam Jones a spot in his squad.

England face South Africa, Fiji, Argentina and Australia over the next four weeks.

Taylor tribute

FOOTBALL: A team of friends, family and footballers are to run in Sunday's Oxford half marathon in memory of Oxford City managing director Colin Taylor.

The team of fundraisers are to raise money for one of the many teams Mr Taylor, 62, volunteered with.

That team is the Oxford City Casuals, a club that has helped enable disabled adults and children across the county to play football.

His body was discovered at the club's Marsh Lane stadium in Marston in July.